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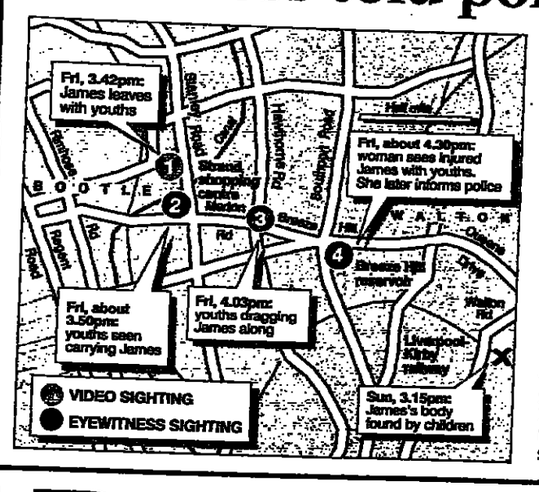
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James Bulger: seen crying and screaming

Witness told police of abducted boy, bruised and screaming



By Ronald Faux

A WOMAN saw two-year-old James Bulger, who was abducted and murdered at the weekend in Bootle, Merseyside, crying and screaming as two boys dragged him through the streets on Friday, and contacted the police that night, it emerged yesterday. The woman said she saw James shortly after he was taken and told police that the child had cuts and bruises on his head.

The woman, aged 73, has told police that she saw James with the two boys near the reservoir at the top of Breeze Hill on Friday. She also said the youngster was crying and screaming. "I asked 'what's the matter?' and the other two said they had just found him and claimed that he had fallen and hit his head. He had a terrific bump on his head and a terrific bump on the side of his forehead. I asked them 'what is happening?' and they said they were taking him to Walton Lane."

At that point her pet dog was becoming agitated, barking and straining to get at the three children, so the woman had to pull away. "The little kiddie was screaming his head off and I could not go too close because I was afraid he was frightened of the dog." She said that James was holding hands with the two boys she described as between 11 and 13. He seemed to have confidence in them because he had held their hands. Later that evening she saw television news reports about James and realised he was the same boy. Detectives interviewed her at 7 pm the following day. Merseyside police said yesterday that detectives had interviewed the woman and that every one of the hundreds of calls and reports they had received was being acted upon.

Last night, it was disclosed that a second security camera on the outside wall of an office half a mile from the Strand shopping centre where James slipped away from his mother caught the youngster being dragged or swung between two boys about 20 minutes later. Det Supt Albert Kirby, leading the investigation, said that the 30 seconds of video film showed that James appeared to be in distress and was struggling. "It looks as though he was either being dragged or they were on either side of him and swinging him. Witnesses have told us that he had some head injuries. He was seen with bruising and grazing to his forehead."

These injuries were caused after James had left his mother's side and before he reached the embankment where his body was found, horrifically injured, on Sunday afternoon, Mr Kirby said. He appealed for three girls and a man seen in the background of the video pictures near the junction of Hawthorn Road and Breeze Hill, Bootle, to come forward.

The video film has been sent for computer enhancement in the hope of getting a clearer image of the two boys who were with James. Police also appealed for an elderly woman wearing a red or maroon-coloured mackintosh who was in the Strand centre on Friday morning to come forward. They believe she was accosted by three youths, two of them identified as the boys the police want to question.

The Merseyside coroner, Roy Barter, opened an inquest on James in Liverpool yesterday. Rewards for information leading to the conviction of James' killers rose to £40,000 last night.

Labour demands to see law advice

By Jonathan Prynn

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, is demanding publication of the legal advice which the government believes has outmanoeuvred its opponents on the Maastricht bill.

Mr Smith's demand was made last night in a letter to the prime minister as it emerged that government law officers had reportedly taken outside advice on Labour's social chapter amendment. This would normally be treated as confidential.

The law officers' department would neither confirm nor deny that independent advice had been sought. However, legal experts said it would be highly unusual if specialist opinion had not been taken on such a technical issue.

Niall Morrison, deputy director of the Bar Council, said that "in all likelihood" Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, would have sought independent advice. Sir Nicholas would have no difficulty in finding expert opinion: at least four leading barristers specialising in EC law are attached to his own chambers.

The fresh advice overturned that offered by the foreign office's staff of about 20 lawyers, headed by Frank Berman. As a result Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, had to make the embarrassing admission to MPs on Monday that the government had been mistaken in telling the Commons that the amendment would wreck the treaty.

Mr Hurd told MPs that the government's law officers had been brought in after "further careful and detailed consideration" of the amendment. Their conclusion had been that the amendment would cause "no impediment to ratification" if passed, he said.

Downing Street said last night that it was still awaiting Mr Smith's letter and would respond when it was received.

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Bottomley shies away from Bart's closure



SIMON WALKER

Bitter pill: Sister Nicola Nurse weeps after watching Virginia Bottomley's statement on television. "It's the end for Bart's," she sobbed

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

■ The health secretary's failure to make crucial decisions on the future of London's top hospitals will delay a political row to the autumn

TWO of Britain's most famous teaching hospitals were given a six-month stay of execution yesterday when Virginia Bottomley backed away from a drastic closure programme to revamp London's health services.

The health secretary approved five hospital closures already in the pipeline as part of a plan to cut 2,500 beds over the next five years, but she ducked final decisions on the fate of St Bartholomew's and Charing Cross. Her underlying message was that she is intent on closing the hospitals, and the arguments about their future will now rage on for months while other options are considered.

In the meantime, London will receive an extra £10 million towards cutting waiting lists, and £170 million will be spent on boosting GP and community services in the next six years in advance of hospital closures.

Mrs Bottomley had last autumn seemed determined to implement the thrust of Sir Bernard Tomlinson's blueprint for the closure or merger of 15 hospitals in the capital, but she changed her attitude when it became clear that the government could not stomach a repeat of the outcry that followed Michael Heseltine's annoucement that 31 pits were to close. While officials denied that the cabinet had forced her hand, the change of heart closely followed a meeting with John Major.

Now, her decision to give Barts and Charing Cross at least six months' breathing space will only store up problems for the government if either or both is eventually earmarked for closure. The reprieve will allow workers at both hospitals time to mount a much more effective campaign.

In detailing the government's response to the Tomlinson report, Mrs Bottomley went out of her way to deliver a tough message, making clear that the 800-year-old Bart's was unlikely to survive and other hospitals could well follow suit. "I have to think of patients not buildings," she said. "It is not my job to run a department of heritage." The review of specialist services that will start this month and report by May would have to choose between sentiment and excellence.



London was poorly served by the present health service, she told the Commons. "Despite the fact that we spend some 20 per cent more per head in London than elsewhere, services are often ill-matched to the day to day needs of those who live and work there. London deserves a better-balanced hospital service targeted on patient needs. London deserves the radical overhaul which, over the years, many have promised but none have delivered. Under our proposals this is what London will get. No change is no option. We want to see urgent but managed change. We are not prepared to fudge or duck the issue."

Sources close to Mrs Bottomley insisted yesterday that she was determined to see through a radical programme for London in the longer term but had decided to adopt a gradual approach, arguing that neither politicians nor the health service would have accepted the Tomlinson proposals en masse.

Labour said the government's response would lead to "death by a thousand cuts", and Dawn Primarolo, shadow health spokesman, claimed that 20,000 health workers jobs would be lost as famous hospitals were left to wither on the vine.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary said the situation could only get worse in London. "We are to see a further period of confusion and uncertainty while the internal market continues to damage the NHS in the capital. It has been clear that the Secretary of State has been

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Clinton's $500bn tax increase alarms America

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

WALL Street has finally lost its nerve with the Clinton administration, resorting to a last-minute panic before tonight's State of the Union address, in which the president will announce a large rise in middle-income taxes as part of his programme to revive the US economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped more than 85 points to about 3,300 by early afternoon yesterday, in response to the president's public broadcast on Monday, in which he held out the prospect of a much more wide-ranging rise in taxes than had been expected. Economists on Wall Street now fear that the extent of the tax rises could constrain US economic growth and render generous expectations for the US economy too optimistic.

The president's programme of tax rises and spending cuts is expected to total $500 billion (£352 billion) over four years, which, if true, would amount to one of the biggest overhauls of economic policy since the 1930s, putting an abrupt end to Reagonomics, which has dominated economic policy for 12 years.

The ending of the honeymoon between Wall Street and the new administration coincides with expectation in Washington that tax hikes will affect many more Americans than expected. The White House said yesterday that only those earning less than $30,000 would not be affected, since low income earners will be able to reclaim their losses through income tax credits, which allow rebates if incomes fall below three[illegible]. This does not mean that the president has decided on an across-the-board increase in taxes, since a large part of the new taxes will be accounted for by indirect taxes, especially on energy, the removal of tax exemptions, and increase in the tax base for welfare payments.

Wall Street is worried that tax rises and a spending squeeze will hit recovery.

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Salvation Army sues for return of £6m

By John Young

THE Salvation Army has launched a High Court action to recover about $8.8 million (£6.2 million) that it says is missing from its accounts.

Writs have been issued against Stuart Christopher Ford, a Birmingham businessman, his firm, Tilen Securities Inc, and Gamil Naguib, an Egyptian with whom Mr Ford is understood to have been associated. A further 12 writs have been obtained to gain access to confidential documents or to accounts where funds are thought to be held. Commissioner John Larsson, the army's United Kingdom territorial commander, alleged that, despite repeated requests for the return of the money, only $500,000 had been refunded so far. "The Salvation Army had no alternative but to take legal action to seek recovery of its money," he said.

"When it became apparent that our requests were not being complied with, we instructed our solicitors, Slaughter and May, to take legal action," he added. Proceedings had been instituted in Luxembourg last month, freezing about $520,000 in bank accounts believed to have been connected with the disappearance of the money. After the action taken in Luxembourg, nearly $7.8 million had still to be recovered.

The Salvation Army was founded in 1878 by William Booth, a Methodist minister in the East End of London. It claims to be the biggest voluntary organisation in the world and, in Britain, is second only to the government in the provision of social services. Known for its street bands and pub collections, it

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MPs attack Gummer for failing to declare work at country home

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Gummer, the agriculture minister, was criticised by a committee of MPs yesterday for failing to declare more than £2,500 of work paid for by a food company to restore a pond at his country home.

The cross-party select committee on members' interests, unimpressed by a 1,700-word plea of mitigation, told the minister that he should have outlined the work in the Commons Register of Members' Interests and ordered him to do so.

Mr Gummer was reported to the committee by a Labour MP for failing to mention the refurbishment of the pond at the expense of Hillsdown Holdings, sparking the so-called Gummergate saga.

The company undertook the work as part of a three-day agricultural show, known as the "Agriculture (Informal", for European farm ministers, officials and their wives organised as part of the European Community presidency at Mr Gummer's Winston Grange home in Suffolk.

The exhibits were financed by various companies. The pond was one of them, intended to illustrate the work of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service.

In a letter to the committee Mr Gummer went into detail over how he and his wife Penny planned the event. "Ministers hate too much travelling and long bus-rides are particularly counter-productive ... They particularly value an invitation to the minister's own home, not least because this is rare in continental Europe (Already Penny and I had had many of our colleagues and their wives as weekend guests — to good negotiating effect) We needed somewhere to stage the show and we had to have access over a reasonable period of time. Penny and I offered our field and garden as they seemed ideal.

"The event, " Mr Gummer added, "proved a huge success. The ministers were taken round in separate national groups ... They each planted a tree and met the Prince of Wales."

That the whole enterprise should have ended with a complaint clearly distressed the minister. "Penny and I willingly and enthusiastically did all we could to make this Informal a success. We should hate the committee to think we are complaining when we say that, far from having a benefit to declare, we were clearly disadvantaged and out of pocket."

In a section of his letter headed "the aftermath" Mr Gummer lamented: "We have a field which is rutted and damaged ... A large area will have to be reseeded and the tracked vehicles have left great gouges which will need filling in. We have an ugly lorry park and gateway which will cost a great to return to the way it was ... Even the cleaned out pond and the planting ... is not done in a way we would have chosen. Again I hate listing all this because we willingly accepted the cost but we couldn't truthfully call it a benefit."



Gummer: "Did not intend to hide work"

Mr Gummer failed to move the committee. "We consider that where a benefit is received which is covered by the rules of the House for registration, it does not become exempt from registration simply because, when offset against associated costs or inconvenience, it can be represented as a net disbenefit to the recipient."

Because ministers occupied positions of power and had executive responsibilities, it said, there were particular risks for them in any activity "which overlaps the border between their public duties and private interests, however worthy the motives may be in any individual case."

Mr Gummer's breach was the last straw for Labour's Dennis Skinner. He lumped it together with the Matrix Churchill affair. "Black Wednesday", the payment of the Chancellor's legal bills, and the Maastricht legal debate to accuse the government of being "rotten to the core." Mr Gummer should resign, he said.

The minister said last night that he would now make an "appropriate entry in the register". But he welcomed the committee's acceptance that there was "no intent to conceal the work nor the sponsorship that financed it".



Burning issue: Gordon Gresty, a North Yorkshire trading standards officer, with a batch of counterfeit washing powder that has so far caused at least 20 cases of chemical burns. The powder was put into genuine tradenamed boxes. The white powder contains sodium metasilicate, an ingredient of dishwasher cleaner that can burn the skin. The first fakes appeared last week on a market stall in York, and others have since been reported on Tyneside and in South Yorkshire.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Condemned to an eternity of interruptions

Your sketchwriter learns what names and faces he can, but gaps remain. One such, a new Tory backbencher, rose yesterday. "Will the prime minister send the congratulations of the House to Sir Ranulph Fiennes ... *(blah)* ... fine example of voluntary effort ... *(blah)*" and so on.

I whispered to an adjacent journalist: "Who's that?"

"A berk," he replied.

John Major did not think so. Endorsing the apprentice poodle's congratulations, the PM added: "It does show that if you keep going you will get there in the end." One reflected that it depends whether you know where you are going.

John Smith is in no doubt, but suffers from a different problem: he has forgotten who he is. Yesterday he launched a boomerang attack on "sharp lawyers" and "slippery manoeuvres".

Any thought that Smith was experiencing a rare moment of self-criticism was dispelled when he made it clear he had Major in his sights. Major gently suggested that sharp lawyers in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Indeed. Yet MPs show a remarkable facility for applying criticism to everyone but themselves. They seem to lose consciousness of themselves as objects, and the air at Westminster is thick with flying boomerangs. Few professions blind people faster or more completely to what monkeys they appear.

Take Bob Cryer (Lab, Bradford S) for instance. A member of the Angry Left with a thin face, gingery hair, a voice that carries and a sour turn of speech, Cryer keeps both his intelligence and his humour *almost* secret. In tones half way between a Yorkshire bellow and a North Country whine, he has spent much of this century in a sedentary position, interrupting Tory MPs.

Yesterday, a Tory MP interrupted him: and you wouldn't *believe* the fuss he made! A convinced nuclear disarmer, Cryer was trying to call for a nuclear ban: but, before he got far, Phil Gallie (C, Ayr) started yelling "Rosyth! Rosyth!" at him. Labour MPs have clamoured to keep this nuclear dockyard open.

Cryer stopped, amazed that anyone should do to him what he had been doing to others for 20 years. Winded, he struggled on to the end of his question, then sat down, seething.

But it was more than he could bear. He was back up in seconds, trying to raise with the Chair the shocking treatment he had received. "Madam Speaker, I deserve the *right* ..." he could be heard protesting, before jeers drowned the rest.

Should the Good Lord conclude that a few ages in hell would be appropriate for Gallie *and* Cryer, He could do worse than sentence each to make speeches to the other, interrupting each other for all eternity.

After this, Mrs Bottomley, the health secretary, swanned in with the air of a senior anaesthetist come to knock us out before a mysterious operation — radical but unspecified, to do with London's hospitals.

Those who have experienced major surgery will remember the struggle for consciousness as the anaesthetist talks, and you go under. "Informal consultation ... panoply of provision ..." she said, and the Chamber began to swim before my eyes. "Unacceptable imbalance ... special transitional grant ..." but everything was blacking out. As I faded she was talking of the need to eliminate "duplication".

Duplication? Like kidneys, ears? If London ever wakes 'up from Mrs Bottomley's surgery, we must remember to check everything we had two of.

Bottomley pulls back from closing Bart's

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turned over in cabinet. This is a capitulation to the Treasury, rather than a health document No the future care of London- s in the years to come."

Mrs Bottomley's statement appeared to have placated most London Conservative MPs, but others said they would fight her "tooth and nail". David Mellor and Dame Angela Rumbold, who were both said to have been key players in Mrs Bottomley's apparent dimbdown on some of the tougher recommendations, were delighted that their campaign to ensure the future of the Royal Marsden and Royal Brompton hospitals had succeeded.

But Matthew Carrington, MP for Fulham, said that any plans to close Charing Cross would be "met with horror by west Londonders", and Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North, described the programme as an attack on centres of excellence. "As I am telling every day to get people into London hospitals people are going to be slightly sceptical of proposals to cut 2,000 beds."

The King's Fund, an independent think tank, complained that Mrs Bottomley had failed to provide enough resources for building up primary health care, and the pressure group London Health Emergency, which pledged to step up its campaign, accused Mrs Bottomley of attempting to smuggle the Tomlinson report in through the back door. Its director, Geoff Martin, said the government's response "would close three major casualty departments at Charing Cross, Bart's and either Guy's or St Thomas' leaving 200,000 patients per year to seek treatment elsewhere".

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing gave the statement a guarded welcome, saying the investment in primary health care and the specialty reivews should safeguard nurses' jobs, but nurses at Bart's sobbed as they watched the health secretary's statement on television. "That's the end of it, the end of Bart's," said Sister Nicola Nurse.

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Lucas factory closure will put further 500 out of work

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LUCAS, the engineering company, yesterday announced a factory closure and added 500 more jobless to the three million due to be announced in the new unemployment figures tomorrow.

Lucas's move came as leaders of the engineering union disclosed that more than 33,000 jobs have gone in the industry over the last six months, and Ford workers took strike action over jobs.

In the latest job cuts, Lucas Diesel Systems said that it was cutting 510 jobs at its two factories in Kent, and would close one later this year.

The cuts amount to about a quarter of the workforce at the two sites at Gillingham and Rochester, which make electronic diesel fuel injection systems for the Ford Transit van. Lucas said the Rochester site would close by the summer. The job reductions are part of restructuring plans caused by reduced demand for diesel products in agriculture, construction and other sectors.

Roger Butler, executive councillor of the AEEU engineering union, called the decision "another body blow" for manufacturing and said: "The South-east will soon have no industry left and this government must take full responsibility."

The AEEU today publishes its latest job survey in advance of tomorrow's government unemployment figures, which will show 'headline' unadjusted unemployment passing the three million mark, though seasonally-adjusted unemployment will remain below it.

The survey shows a further 33,352 jobs lost in manufacturing between October and this week, involving 377 different companies. London and the South-east were the hardest hit areas.

The figure, which is roughly in line with the union's job loss total for the previous six months, indicates that the level of job reduction is showing no sign of slowing down. It takes the total job losses monitored by the AEEU to 300,000 in 3,000 companies across the last two years. Bill Jordan, union president, said the figures were a "watershed of shame" for the government.

There were mixed job developments at Leyland DAF; the receiver announced 80 more job losses, but the company hopes to restart production today at its van assembly and component plant in Birmingham. It believes a management buyout of the plant is more likely if deals have been struck with suppliers and the factory is in production.

Production was hit at Ford's Halewood body plant on Merseyside by an unofficial strike of workers who were sent letters warning them that they could be made redundant.

The engineering union said that the company, which is looking for 1,500 job cuts, wrote to selected staff saying that if they or somebody else had not applied for voluntary redundancy by March 31 they would be made redundant compulsorily.

Ford denied that the letters were provocative, and said that workers in other parts of Halewood had carried on working normally.

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operates in 94 countries, with about two million members running 14,000 missions and more than 7,000 centres and schools. In the United Kingdom, its 1,800 officers and 2,600 employees are helped by about 60,000 volunteers in running residential homes and in providing meals for the elderly and needy.

It also provides beds for the homeless, late night "soup runs", prison chaplaincies and help for alcoholics and the mentally handicapped; it searches for missing persons and supports the emergency services.

A spokesman said yesterday that, in addition to the High Court action, the accountants Coopers & Lybrand had been asked to carry out an internal enquiry to find out exactly what had happened. One officer at the organisation's London headquarters has been suspended.

"It is very important for us to reassure our supporters and members of the public that, notwithstanding this awful business, we will still be going out into the field and providing our services to those who need them," he said.

Captain Peter Smith, the army's legal and parliamentary secretary, said that for the moment lawyers were concentrating on the civil action because the priority was to recover the money. "But we may well need the police to be involved in the very near future," he added. He was optimistic that all or most of the money could be found. "We are not treating it as lost yet," he said.

The Salvation Army describes itself as first and foremost a Christian organisation, in which all officers are ordained ministers of religion. But its services are available to all, regardless of creed.

In the financial year 1991-2, its donation and grant income was £79,153,000. Spending was £78,387,000, of which 90 per cent went into community and residential activities.

CORRECTION

A report (January 29) incorrectly stated that the Advertising Standards Authority does not have guidelines on the exploitation of children. In fact, the authority's code of practice, which imposes restraints in relation to advertisements that might cause offence, has a section specifically devoted to children. We apologise for the error.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince visits site of pipe disaster

The Prince of Wales flew yesterday to Mexico's second city, Guadalajara, the scene last April of a series of pipeline explosions which left 228 people dead, 1,500 injured and 15,000 homeless (Alan Hamilton writes). The prince inspected construction of the new, seven-mile water main which replaces the one that blew up when a petrol supply line over which it had been built corroded and leaked.

Immediately after the explosion, the British government donated £100,000, which was used to buy ten apartments to rehouse a small number of families who had been made homeless. The prince visited some of the families and was shown the route of the explosions by city officials.

Although Britain's contribution to the disaster relief appears small, it was one of the larger donations from foreign governments in the wake of the tragedy. British embassy officials said the families were selected in an effort to avoid fraud.

Child abductions foiled

Police were yesterday seeking two men who tried to snatch a three-year-old from the garden of his home. The boy's mother challenged two men, one holding sweets and the other lifting her son over the fence at her home at Bradford Abbas, near Sherborne, Dorset. The men fled and the mother heard a car move off. At Oldham, Greater Manchester, a bogus social worker tried to snatch a 14-month-old boy, police said yesterday. The smartly dressed woman told the mother that child abuse had been alleged.

Castle fund set up

A trust fund is to be set up to receive donations from people who have offered to assist restoration of Windsor Castle after November's fire, Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, said last night. Mr Brooke disclosed details in a Commons written reply to Michael Trend (C, Windsor and Maidenhead). The fund, being set up by the bank Coutts & Co, would be "independent of the royal household and the government", he said. Donations would go towards particular features of the restoration.

Magazines fight VAT

Imposing VAT on magazines would cause the loss of 4,200 jobs and 1,700 magazines and would be a tax on learning, the government was told yesterday. The Periodical Publishers' Association, which fears that the Chancellor may put 17.5 per cent VAT on magazines in his March Budget, estimates that a quarter of magazines would close. Neil McRae, chairman of the association, said that such a tax would be tantamount to censorship and an irreversible move for short-term fiscal gain.

Thousands call help line

More than 2,500 people rang a help line in Clwyd after it was disclosed that a junior surgeon was a hepatitis B carrier, to trace all 147 people who underwent operations at Wrexham Maelor hospital in which the surgeon was involved. One patient has contracted the virus.

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European Court ready to wield legal stick on social charter

Lawyers are being held to blame for the muddle over whether the Treaty on European Union (TEU), signed at Maastricht, can be ratified even if Parliament rejects its Protocol on Social Policy. But what precisely do the relevant legal texts say?

Under European Community law the TEU must be ratified by the member states "in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements". Under the British constitution, ratification is normally a matter for the executive, not the legislature. But Parliament can change this rule if it wants.

Section 6, in the version currently in force, stipulates that: "No treaty which provides for any increase in the powers of the [European] parliament shall be ratified by the UK unless it has been approved by an act of parliament. In this section 'treaty' includes ... any protocol ..."

That this catches the Maastricht treaty in general cannot be doubted, and is not denied. But does it cover the social policy protocol? Stripped of their subordinate clauses, the two key sentences in that protocol say the high contracting parties, ie all 12 member states, "agree to authorise 11 *member states to have recourse to the institutions, procedures and mechanisms of the treaty* for the purpose of taking *among themselves and applying as far as they are concerned* the acts and decisions required for giving effect to the [social charter] agreement. Acts adopted by the council and any financial consequences ... shall not be applicable to the UK."

This means two things. First, as the second set of italics demonstrates, measures taken under the protocol are not intended to have any effect here. Accepting it will not change our law, and rejecting it will not magically import the social charter to these shores.

Second, however, as the first italics show, the protocol gives the UK's consent to an increase in the powers of the European Parliament in making social policy laws for the 11, since that Community institution will be closely involved in the treaty procedures and mechanisms in question. Recent cases have made it clear that any attempt to bypass the European Parliament will be firmly rebuffed by the European Court.

It appears, then, that by the terms of our own 1978 act, the social policy protocol cannot be ratified unless approved by our own Parliament. If, despite rejection by Parliament, the government does ratify the protocol it is possible, though perhaps unlikely, that we would go before the European Court.

The real question is what our own courts would do about the issue. Their traditional stance has been to say that the ratification of treaties is no concern of theirs. Things are different now, however. We are obliged by *Community* law to ratify in accordance with our own law. And in the string of cases dealing with Spanish-owned fishing boats registered here, the European Court has not hesitated to tell our judges that it is their job to see that both our government and our Parliament play by EC rules.

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QC says eleven children and two adults collapsed in 'chillingly familiar' style

Baby 'placed in care of nurse who killed her twin sister'

BY LIN JENKINS

A BABY whose twin sister was allegedly murdered by a nurse was left seriously brain-damaged after being admitted to the care of the same nurse for observation.

Beverley Allitt, 24, appearing at Nottingham Crown Court, has denied charges of murdering three babies and a child. A court was told that Katie Phillips had been admitted as a precaution because doctors mistakenly believed her twin sister, Becky, had died naturally and she too might be at risk.

John Goldring QC, for the prosecution, said Becky had been murdered by Miss Allitt after collapsing in a style that was "chillingly familiar", and he detailed the deaths and mysterious collapse of eleven other children and two adults.

The parents of the twins regarded Miss Allitt highly. They became friends and asked her to be godmother to their surviving daughter. Becky was admitted to ward four of Kesteven and Grantham Hospital with a stomach upset on April 1, 1991.

Miss Allitt went on duty two days later, Mr Goldring said. "She asked the nurse whether she thought Becky was cold and clammy," he said. These were the symptoms of hypoglycaemia seen in other victims. The nurse told her not to be paranoid. The baby returned home the next day after Miss Allitt had fed her.

That evening the baby became unwell and woke up screaming. "She was sweating, crying and unsettled. She started to have convulsions again. She fell asleep but it was about 3am that Mr and Mrs Phillips noticed she was not breathing," he said.

A test within an hour of the death showed a very high level of insulin in blood taken from her heart. "Someone, we say, had injected Becky Phillips with insulin," Mr Goldring said. Katie was then admitted. On April 5 Miss Allitt was detailed to look after the baby. After being alone for ten minutes Miss Allitt shouted "cardiac arrest". The baby was blue and not breathing. She recovered but collapsed two days later when alone with Miss Allitt.

Katie had convulsions and her lungs collapsed, Mr Goldring said. She was transferred to Nottingham but continued to have fits and suffered serious permanent brain damage.

Mr Goldring listed the children who were admitted to the hospital, not in a serious condition, but collapsed and became seriously ill or died after being left with Miss Allitt. There were no unexplained collapses when she was not on duty.

Claire Peck was 15 months when admitted with asthma. After being left with Miss Allitt a nurse saw the child, Mr Goldring said. "Claire was dark blue, her back was arched, she was not breathing." The alarms on the monitoring machines had not gone off. The child did not recover from a second attack in spite of repeated attempts to restart her heart.

Christopher Peasgood was eight weeks old when admitted and placed in an oxygen tent. An alarm, indicating that he had stopped breathing, went off and a staff nurse found Miss Allitt doing nothing, Mr Goldring said.

Left alone again, the child had a convulsion. He was transferred to another hospital and Miss Allitt insisted on travelling with him. "She was in a jovial mood. She said she had been present at a lot of attacks that had occurred on ward four. She said maybe it was a jinx." Mr Goldring said Miss Allitt's hand extended beyond ward four.

At Lancaster House, an old people's home in Waltham on the Wolds, Leicestershire, a diabetic patient aged 73 collapsed while she was on duty. An auxiliary nurse saw her giving Dorothy Lowe an injection during the night. The woman was supposed to have her daily injection at 8am. After her arrest Miss Allitt went to live with a friend, Tracey Jobson, in Peterborough, Mr Goldring said. Mrs Jobson's son, Jonathan, 15, began suffering dizzy spells and developed a craving for chocolate.

Miss Allitt offered Jonathan a drink and in the bottom of the glass he noticed chalky bits. Later he collapsed, complaining of stomach and head pains and blindness. His mother thought he was dead and Miss Allitt did nothing to help.

Jonathan's blood sugar was found to be low. Mr Goldring said Miss Allitt had given him his grandmother's diabetic tablets.

The trial continues today.



Family friend: Miss Allitt, right, with Susan Phillips, who asked her to be godmother to her daughter Katie

THE CHARGES

Beverley Allitt of Grantham, has denied a total of 26 charges: four of murder, eleven of attempted murder and eleven of causing grievous bodily harm with intent, between February 23, 1991, and August 4 the same year.

She denies murdering three babies and a boy at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital. They were eight-week-old Liam Taylor, Becky Phillips, nine weeks, Claire Peck, 15 months, and Timothy Hardwick, 10. She also denies attempting to murder or cause grievous bodily harm to Katie Phillips, 9 weeks, Paul Crampton, 5 months, Bradley Gibson, 5, Kayley Desmond, 14 months, Yik Hung Chan, 2, Christopher Peasgood, 8 weeks, Patrick Elstone, 9 months, Christopher King, 9 months, and Michael Davidson, 6.

She also denies attempting to murder or cause grievous bodily harm to Dorothy Lowe, 73, a resident at a nursing home in Waltham on the Wolds, Leicestershire, on April 27, and similar charges relating to Jonathan Jobson, 15, of Orton Goldey, Peterborough, on August 4.

Court win for man pestered to buy TV licence

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who has been pestered to buy a TV licence for 16 years despite never owning a television in that time won a victory over the licensing authority in the Scottish Appeal Court yesterday.

David Guest, 45, an electronics engineer, said the life of his family had been disrupted for 16 months while he prepared for eight court hearings to overturn the effects of a prosecution based on incorrect information supplied by the TV licensing authority.

Yesterday the licensing authority conceded that its procedure was flawed and it did not have sufficient information to justify going to a sheriff to obtain a warrant to search Mr Guest's home in Balerno, near Edinburgh.

Mr Guest has written numerous letters over the last 16 years to inform the licensing authority that he did not have a television after he was instructed to buy a licence. Even so he had several visits from "heavily-built impolite men". The authorities obtained a search warrant in September 1991 for the house after claiming they had seen a flickering light inside.

Mr Guest said: "We have never had a TV set nor anything else which flickers. But they have continually harassed us, shouting through our letter box and ringing the door bell continuously for 5 to 10 minutes".

After a number of court hearings the licensing authority notified the court that it would no longer oppose Mr Guest's proceedings to overturn the search warrant and yesterday the Justiciary Appeal Court in Edinburgh granted suspension of the warrant and awarded expenses to Mr Guest. He estimates that defending himself has cost about £5,000.

Matthew Clarke QC, for the licensing authority, told the court the two officers had genuinely believed they saw a flickering light that night inside Mr Guest's home and believed it could have been a television. Mr Clarke said the licensing authority did not accept Mr Guest's allegations that it was guilty of "blatant and malicious fabrication" to obtain a search warrant.

Mr Guest is taking advice about a damages action but points out that the family did not have a proper holiday last year while he prepared his defence. He added that his case came against a background of 400,000 people in Britain who were "routinely hounded" by the licensing authorities because they were eccentric enough not to own a television set.



Guest: was visited by "impolite" officers

Holidaying mother heads home

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE mother of the 11-year-old girl she left at home while on holiday was last night said to be flying home after cutting short her trip to Spain. Yasmin Gibson, 34, will face police questioning after allegedly abandoning her daughter, Gemma.

Ms Gibson made her first contact with police yesterday after her daughter was taken in by social workers at the beginning of the month. Police said that during the telephone call to police in Hammersmith, west London, Ms Gibson said she knew about the furore but had no intention of ending her holiday.

Gemma did not go to school yesterday but was said to be bearing up well. Natasha Stevenson, of the Ravenscourt Theatre School in west London, said: "As an actress she's trained to cope with things like this. She's a very strong little girl — very professional. But because she's so professional it's difficult to know what she's really feeling."

Gemma's neighbour, who told social services that she had been left alone, was praised by police yesterday. Naha Zubair, known to Gemma as "Auntie Naha", said in a statement that she had acted in the best interests of Gemma and her mother.

Granny's sailor husband 'was already married'

A GRANDMOTHER told a court martial yesterday how she became involved in a relationship with a sailor that led to an alleged bigamous marriage.

Carol Rice, 48, travelled from New Zealand to the Portsmouth court martial which accused Paul Harvey, a Navy petty officer, of bigamy and three counts of deception. The hearing was told Harvey, 44, who denies all the charges, was married to Sandra Hedges in Bristol when he was 18 and their marriage was never annulled.

He told Mrs Rice, however, that he was divorced and was involved in another failing marriage to a ficitious woman he called Linda, it is alleged.

Harvey's real wife, Sandra, 43, sat at the rear of the court as Mrs Rice sobbed and told how she threatened suicide when she learned of his deception after they married in a lakeside ceremony in Western Spring Park, Auckland on February 1 last year.

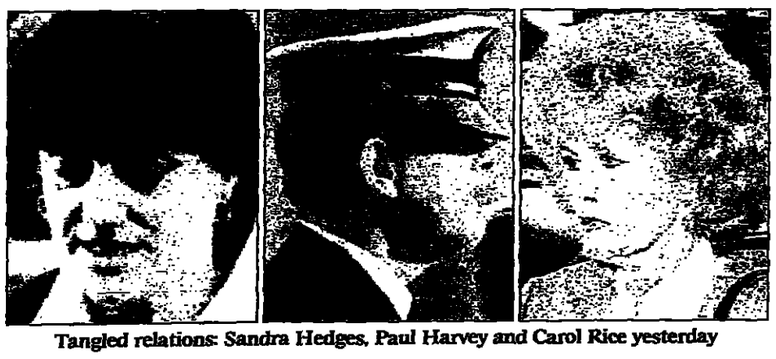
She said that as their relationship blossomed she and Harvey had discussed marriage and Harvey leaving the navy to live in New Zealand. The couple met at a party organised by the Royal New Zealand Navy to which Mrs Rice was invited because her husband was a former warrant officer before his death in 1985, the hearing was tod.

Mrs Rice said they got on well and Harvey said he was divorced from his first wife called Sandra, who still lived in Bristol with their two children. Harvey contacted Mrs Rice on his return to Britain in November 1989, saying that his current wife, Linda, was pregnant with a child he believed was not his and he was filing for divorce. She paid for air tickets to New Zealand because he was paying maintenance to his first wife and supporting Linda and the baby. "I had no reason not to believe him."

After Harvey returned to sea he telephoned Mrs Rice from Gibraltar on HMS Ark Royal and said he did not want to go back to his "ex-wife". "When he said that, I said we should get married and he agreed," Mrs Rice said. But when she suggested she flew to England to marry Harvey said he should return to New Zealand. "Every time I said I was going to come to England, Paul would have some excuse for me not to come."

Mrs Rice again agreed to pay for a return ticket for Harvey to fly to the wedding, followed by a brief honeymoon before he returned to naval duties a week later.

The hearing continues.



Tangled relations: Sandra Hedges, Paul Harvey and Carol Rice yesterday

Town crier 'collared thieves'

LONDON'S town crier told a court yesterday how he chased and captured two alleged handbag snatchers while on duty at the Tower of London.

Dressed in his cumbersome red uniform and wearing a large three-cornered feathered hat, Peter Moore, 54, said that he gave chase as he saw a man and woman run past him through the crowd. "It was like something out of Monty Python," he told a jury at the Old Bailey.

In the dock were John Jarret, 32, of Southwark, southeast London, and Susan Cork, 27, of Southwark. Both deny theft on July 17 last year.

Patrick Whelon, for the prosecution, told the court: "The male defendant took a swing at Mr Moore and the lady kicked him in the groin."

The couple tried to get into a taxi, but Mr Moore, of Wimbledon, southwest London, managed to hold them until police arrived.

Mr Moore said: "It all happened in a matter of seconds. It was like a scene from Monthy Python at one stage. We were going round and round the taxi."

Mr Moore has been London's town crier for 20 years and has travelled the world promoting Britain's tourist industry. He announced the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The trial continues.

Joyriders defy the violence of IRA

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE thrill of joyriding is such that even kneecappings and beatings by the IRA fail to act as a deterrent. Nine out of ten young offenders are not put off by the risk of being caught, according to two surveys published yesterday.

Most young people, for whom the excitement of joyriding was similar to romantic infatuation, knew that stealing cars was morally wrong but did not think it was a serious offence.

The findings give little comfort to ministers as they plan a series of secure units, like approved schools, to deal with persistent young offenders aged 12 to 15. A Home Office research study showed that although offenders did not think non-custodial sentences were a deterrent to further car theft, only one of the 14 people who had been in custody said it had stopped him from re-offending.

But Michael Jack, home affairs minister, said the findings showed the need to take children away from all the influences pushing them into crime. "Children are being sucked into offending by the example of their peers and, apparently, the need for a thrill."

Most of the 100 car thieves, aged between 14 and 35, interviewed in England and Wales became involved in stealing vehicles at 14 or 15. Some were taking cars at least two or three times a week and many had had no contact with the police.

The common reasons for car theft were the influence of friends, boredom and excitement. Being chased by police was seen as an occupational hazard rather than a deterrent to theft or something likely to lead to being caught.

The failure of punishments as a deterrent was also highlighted in a survey of young criminals on the Pennywell estate in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, by the Home Office Police Research Group. It pointed to the persistence of car theft in west Belfast, where beatings and kneecappings had failed to stop recurrent offenders from stealing vehicles as soon as they recovered.

An extensive local black market made the young criminals on the Pennywell estate dependent on the money they made from car theft. Experienced thieves travelled widely to steal cars, often targeting private housing estates and stealing to order.

One 17-year-old said: "All my mates have been caught, too, but we enjoy it and when you're skint you can go out and make money."

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Teaching centres gain only a temporary reprieve in government plan to cut 2,500 in the capital

Five hospitals likely to close by next election

■ **The government's response to Tomlinson avoids outright closures but leaves many doubts**

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AT LEAST five London hospitals are expected to close before the next general election as part of a plan to cut 2,500 beds in the capital. But the government has made no decisions on the future of many of the most famous teaching hospitals: St Bartholomew's and Charing Cross have been temporarily reprieved in the government's response to the Tomlinson report, but their long-term future looks shaky and will prompt renewed campaigns from both.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has decided to go with a number of closures which were in the pipeline well before Sir Bernard Tomlinson's enquiry was set up but has fudged the more contentious proposals in his report. While she has not put forward any suggestions he did not recommend, her proposals fall well short of the 15 closures or mergers he suggests.

The Tomlinson enquiry was one of many over the past 15 years to look at the future of acute services in London. Several have shown that London has a far higher proportion of hospitals and beds to patients than other parts of the country. The institutions are also extremely expensive to keep running because of high rents and high staffing costs. Mrs Bottomley is constantly reminding MPs that London has 20 per cent of the money but only 15 per cent of the population.

William Waldegrave, Mrs Bottomley's predecessor, set up the latest enquiry because the NHS reforms were beginning to cause financial chaos in London as health authorities outside the capital were no longer prepared to refer patients to its more expensive hospitals.

Under the plans set out yesterday, Mrs Bottomley will pass the buck to the London regions for decisions over many of the hospitals, letting them decide whether their institutions can survive financially and letting them come up with closure proposals. However, to ensure that changes are implemented in a "managed way", the government is to set up a London Implementation Group "to secure agreement among the interested parties on the detailed way forward and to oversee the implementation of change to a tight timetable". The group will operate for three years, indicating that many decisions will not be taken until the year before the next general election should be held.

St Bartholomew's and Charing Cross hospitals will be reprieved for the moment as will Guy's and St Thomas', but the future of at least three of these looks untenable in the longer term. Determined not to be accused of bowing to pressure from the campaign to save Bart's, Mrs Bottomley has put forward three options for its future, including closure; the others are forming a new NHS trust with the Royal London Hospital or retaining Bart's as a small specialist hospital.

The report does suggest, however, that there should be "early consultation" on closing the casualty department at Bart's, a move which would threaten the hospital's viability. Mrs Bottomley also favours a greater role for the Homerton Hospital, situated near Bart's, which again would undermine the case for keeping Bart's.

Charing Cross is, however, more vulnerable after Mrs Bottomley's recommendation that the accident and emergency department should close. But she has not accepted Sir Bernard's suggestion that the specialist heart and cancer hospitals, the Royal Brompton and the Royal Marsden, should be relocated on the Charing Cross site.

The report instead floats the idea of a "Chelsea Health Sciences Centre," thought to be a campus centred around the new Westminster and Chelsea Hospital, which could embrace the Brompton and the Marsden in the buildings they now occupy.

The government has decided, subject to statutory consultation, to go ahead with the merger of University College and the Middlesex hospitals in central London, a move under discussion for several years.

In addition, it suggests that the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases should also move "in due course" to the UCH/Middlesex site. Although this idea has also been mooted for some time, it has been vehemently opposed by the former.

The government report, *Making London Better*, also suggests that St Mark's Hospital, a specialist unit in east London, should be relocated at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow.

The closure of the Queen Charlotte Hospital for Women in West London is also floated, subject to a lengthy consultation exercise.

The document stresses that many of the decisions will be subject to six speciality reviews which are to be conducted over the next three months. The aim is to rationalise specialist services to avoid duplication and to provide a stronger academic base. The six reviews, to be conducted separately and to be led by a clinician and a purchasing manager, will cover cardiac, cancer, neurosciences, renal plastics and children's specialist services. The reviews will report on the configuration of services and the financial impact. Ministers will then hold formal consultations on proposed changes before final decisions are made.

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Bottomley gives extra £43m for family doctors

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S family doctor service is to be given a £43.5 million facelift this year to fill the gap left by hospital closures and mergers.

About £10 million will go towards renovating existing surgeries and building new ones, which could be sited in shops, sports centres, schools and offices to make them more accessible. A further £30 million will be spent on staffing and running costs.

GPs will be invited to submit bids for a £1 million challenge fund intended to support pioneering forms of care. Charities involved in caring for patients at home will get an extra £2.5 million.

In responding to the Tomlinson report, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, envisages measures to strengthen primary care in the capital running slightly ahead of the programme of hospital closures and mergers. Her

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report, *Making London Better*, contains the promise of an extra £170 million for capital projects over six years. Sir Bernard Tomlinson estimated that an extra £140 million would be needed over several years to build four new health centres and modernise the 46 per cent of London surgeries that do not come up to standard. Mrs Bottomley appears to have gone a long way towards meeting that challenge.

The extra money will come from the Treasury, but the report envisages long-term savings from hospital closures and sales of surplus sites. The report also acknowledges that the shake-up will lead to additional, recurring costs as the bills for better staffed and equipped surgeries start up.

The underlying theme of the government's response is to "tilt the balance of health spending in London so that more can be invested in improving much-needed primary and community services". But more comfortable surgeries will not be enough. More teamwork is needed with the capital's GPs working with community nurses and social workers.

Changes in the terms and conditions of employment of GPs are also on the table. Mrs Bottomley plans talks with the British Medical Association about employing some GPs on a salaried contract, out-of-hours cover and higher deprivation payments to attract high calibre staff to London.

London has many elderly GPs working alone. One answer, the report says, would be for experienced GPs from the provinces to come to London on short-term contracts.

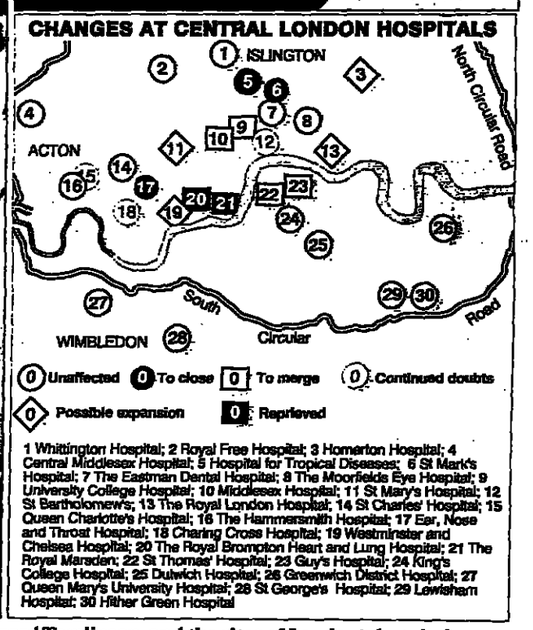
About four million people live in the area of inner London covered by the report. It is to be designated the London Initiative Zone. A sub-group of the London Implementation Group, the main body administering the shake-up, will supervise the primary care changes.

The report reiterates the shortcomings of the family doctor service in London. "Too often, services have fallen short of the best standards," the report says. "More GPs in London than elsewhere work on their own, in outdated premises, where they can only offer limited access to a narrow range of services. Teamworking between doctors, nurses and other professionals cannot develop as it should. Many Londoners do not enjoy the sort of service that is taken for granted elsewhere . . .

"Poor primary care can also have major consequences for the demands on hospitals. A typical London accident and emergency department receives many patients who, away from London, would have gone to their GP. This makes it more difficult for the accident and emergency department to deal with genuine emergencies."







Wielding the knife: Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, report author Sir Bernard Tomlinson, and the sites of London's hospitals

Tears as staff at Bart's hear news

BY KATE ALDERSON

NURSES openly cried in the accident and emergency department at St Bartholomew's hospital yesterday afternoon. Clutching each other and sobbing, they said: "How could they do this to us?"

"I feel sick. I just can't speak. I can't believe it," was the reaction of Nicola Nurse, a junior sister, to Virginia Bottomley's warning that the future of Bart's casualty department was still not certain. Ms Nurse had admitted 26 patients in the preceding six hours. "What about the people in there, what's going to happen to them?" she said, pointing to the patients lying in beds a few feet away.

A male member of staff pushed his way into the corridor, choking back tears: "I've had enough. I'm devastated, just devastated. If this place is only open for limited hours for the walking wounded, what happens to someone who comes here with a heart attack?"

As staff and patients learned of the announcement they wandered into the main square, many looking shocked and pale, shaking their heads. In the great hall, Professor

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Michael Besser, chief executive of the hospital, gave a hurried press conference. He was "distressed and dismayed" and "gravely sceptical" about the promised consultation about the future of the accident and emergency department.

When asked if the three options for Bart's all meant closure, he said: "One definitely means closure, the other two give us a fighting chance; and fight we will. It is clear that this part of London needs an accident and emergency department. During the day there are 300,000 commuters who just cannot get from the heart of the City to any other casualty department in time."

Professor Besser said the suggestion that Bart's smaller satellite site at Homerton, in nearby Hackney, could be separated from the main Smithfield site was unrealistic.

The St Bart's Patients Campaign Committee watched the announcement in their headquarters in silence. Jacquie Dowding, a leading campaigner, said: "As a patient I'm devastated. Where do I go?

"What will all the patients who use this hospital be thinking? They don't know what's happening to them."

The campaign later issued a statement saying it was "dismayed and angered" at the announcement and claiming that Mrs Bottomley had "pursued a personal vendetta against the hospital".

In spite of expressing fears that it would be difficult to maintain the momentum of the campaign, the committee vowed it would "continue fighting to ensure the quality of care to which patients are entitled".

Stephen Miles, director of the casualty department, said: "We will keep on with our arguments against closure, but I wonder if anyone will listen. I'm bitterly disappointed. If the department closes then the rest of the hospital must be under doubt."

The public-sector union Nupe said it was considering legal action, on behalf of all other unions concerned, against Mrs Bottomley's plans to change the management of the hospital.

Leading clinics must compete in market

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

SOME of the country's most renowned specialist hospitals will need to compete hard within the health service internal market rather than rely on central government funding, the report warns.

Special health authorities, made up of London hospitals such as Moorfields Eye Hospital, the Hammersmith Hospital, the Hospitals for Sick Children and the Royal Marsden Hospital, are already scheduled to join the

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internal market from April, 1994. The report suggests that two-thirds of the hospitals' £300 million revenue budget in 1994-5 will be distributed among health authorities to fund patients referred from around the country for specialist treatment.

The government is anxious that the hospitals do not rely on research funding to offset expensive treatment costs. There will, however, continue to be central funding for work directly related to clinical research.

The eight special health authorities have provoked repeated criticism from senior clinicians outside London who accuse London hospitals of taking too large a share of research funding. There have been allegations that operation costs at some of the hospitals are up to four times as high as elsewhere.

The report says the current system of central funding for the special hospitals "can insulate them from the pressures for increased efficiency and effectiveness faced by other hospitals and distorts the provision of health care".

Two of Tomlinson's recommendations on merging some of the world's best-known medical schools are accepted in principle by the report, although it asks for more time to consider two more proposed mergers. The government agrees to the planned merger of Imperial College with the Charing Cross and Westminster medical school and the King's College with Guy's and St Thomas' dental and medical schools.

The report says that further consideration needs to be given to the proposed mergers of University College with the Royal Free and Queen Mary and Westfield College with the London hospital and St Bartholomew's medical colleges.

Making London Better endorses Tomlinson's call for closer links between medical schools and multi-faculty colleges, which it claims offer academic and financial benefits.

Londoners unconvinced that change will be for the better

Despite the reputation for excellence of some of its great hospitals, standards of primary and community health care in the capital are the lowest in the country and there is universal agreement that improvement is overdue. Given this, Virginia Bottomley's big investment in primary care is welcome, and follows both the Tomlinson and King's Fund Commission reports. The only doubt is about the speed at which improvements can take place.

Inevitably, Mrs Bottomley's recommendations on individual London hospitals will claim the greatest attention. Whatever the eventual decisions about St Bartholomew's, it is unlikely to survive in its present form. If the accident and emergency department is closed the hospital will become a very different institution. Less draconian is the merger for the Royal Marsden and Brompton hospitals, but Mrs Bottomley's decision not to relocate them may prove a mortal blow to Charing Cross. The merger of St Thomas' and Guy's is proceeding, and will ultimately concentrate services on one site.

But important questions remain. The first is whether the Secretary of State's moves will stabilise London's hospital services in the face of the forces unleashed by the NHS market. Health authorities are switching contracts for routine work away from high-cost inner-city providers nationwide. The situation will worsen when the special health authority hospitals are brought under the same funding regime. It is still not clear whether the government will manage to pace the changes at a rate the NHS can absorb without collapse.

The second question concerns the six speciality reviews announced by the Secretary of State. London is a world medical centre but its specialist services are fragmented across too many small, underfunded units. Concentration is needed to improve quality of outcome for patients at an affordable cost. The speciality reviews will recommend how this is

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done. Inevitably, there will be winners and losers. Some centres will have to turn away from glamorous speciality work and concentrate on becoming first-class local hospitals, caring for the routine needs of Londoners.

Given their highly political nature, the speciality reviews must demonstrate that they have marshalled the best available evidence, and paid careful attention to Londoners' access to care. They, and the decisions taken on their recommendations, must be subject to public and professional scrutiny if they are to become a pattern for development rather than a focus of resistance.

There are key areas that the Secretary of State did not cover. Most Londoners are convinced that the post-Tomlinson changes simply spell another round of NHS cuts. Their perception, and that of their GPs, is that waiting lists will lengthen and family doctors will spend even longer finding hospital beds. Their fear is that improvements in primary care will be too little, too late to avert deterioration in services for patients.

These fears are real, despite the conviction of most experts that radical change to London's health care is essential if disaster is to be averted and excellence strengthened for the next generation. At a minimum, Londoners and their GPs need reassurance from the government on two key points.

The first concerns access to accident and emergency services. Londoners know many of the existing services to be seriously overstretched. They need proof that the new arrangements, with fewer accident and emergency departments, will cope. The London Implementation Group, which will implement the Tomlinson proposals, must put this in train. Second, it must address the deficit in services for elderly people. This is the main source of GPs' difficulty in finding beds and is associated with the lack of nursing homes in London. The solution has to involve home support and nursing or GP-beds.

Yesterday's statement is part of the resolution of a century-old problem. But in making it, the health secretary still has a long way to go to convince Londoners that the government has the situation under control, and is laying solid foundations for future excellence.

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Unions fear up to 20,000 redundancies

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

UNION fears over health service job losses were reinforced yesterday as the government accepted that redundancies could be among the "significant implications" of the changes.

Although the report says that job losses would become necessary only "as a last resort", unions yesterday repeated their prediction that up to 20,000 health workers would lose their jobs.

The government response to the Tomlinson report does not hint at the scale of job losses but focuses instead on the need to relocate some staff outside London when the size of units in the capital are reduced. New career options

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for staff will also have to be offered, including finding jobs in the expanded community and primary care fields.

There is no direct response to Tomlinson's prediction that between 450 and 680 consultant posts will be lost, although the government accepts the need to move specialists to other parts of the country. The report emphasises that highly trained staff with specialist skills need to be kept within the health service.

Making London Better concedes that there will be reductions in junior doctor posts. It emphasises, however, that cuts in inner London "will be matched by new opportunities elsewhere".

The report recommends that a clearing house, supervised by the new London Implementation Group, be set up in April to help staff who cannot find new jobs locally.

The staffing of London hospitals was criticised by the Tomlinson report as being "top heavy" with consultants and the report forecast the need to move senior staff out of inner London as services developed in the provinces.

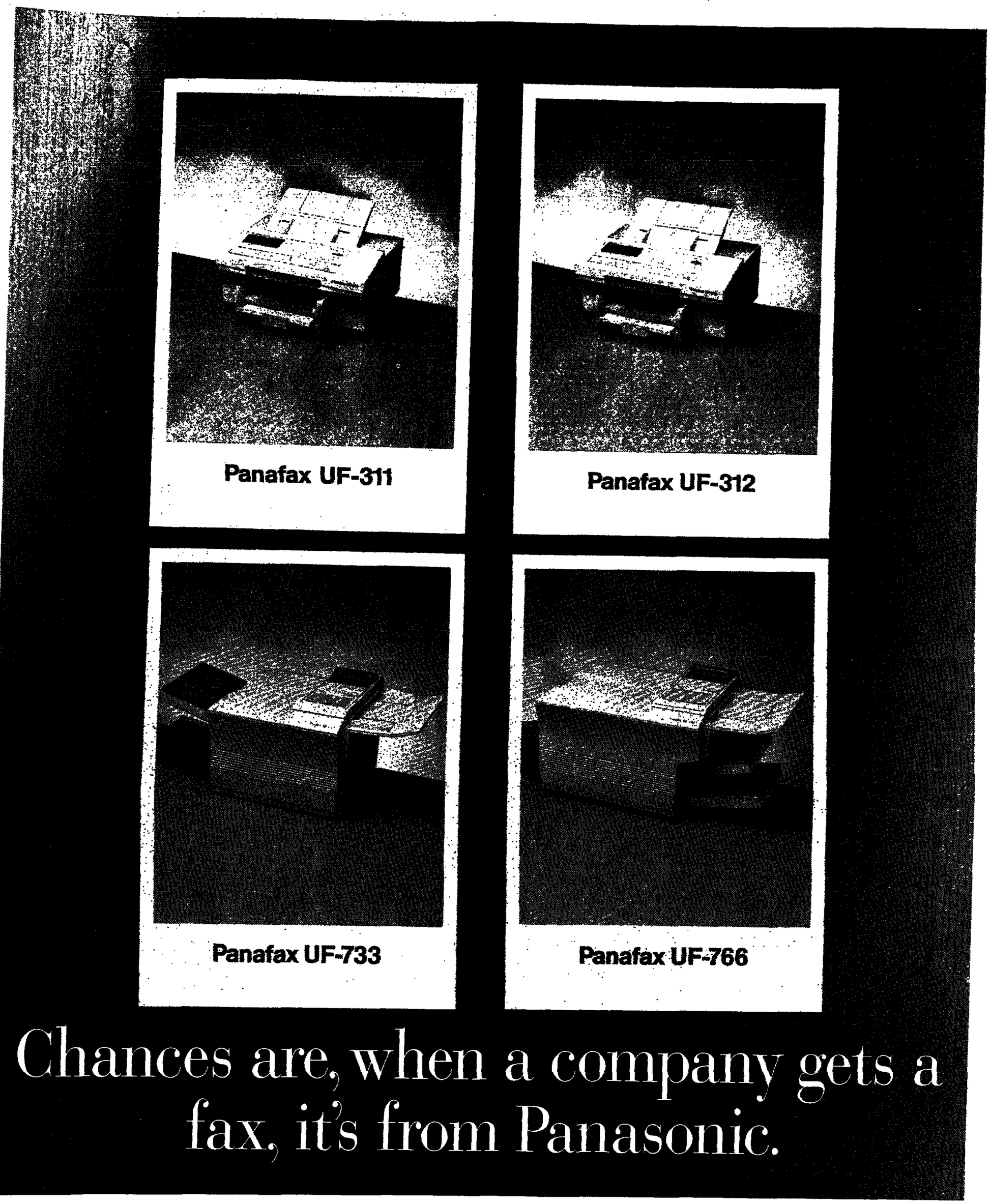
Although the government said that redundancy payments would be available, the health department is anxious to avoid the acrimony and protracted negotiation, not to mention expense, of such a programme. The clearing house system is designed to create a gradual movement of staff to areas of greatest need.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, yesterday pointed to the 20 per cent annual turnover of nursing staff in inner London as helping to offset the need for widespread redundancies. "I hope that redundancies will be kept to a minimum," she said, emphasising the importance of the clearing house in retraining and redeploying staff.

Potential overstaffing in future will also be alleviated by reducing the numbers taken onto London training courses for nursing and professions allied to medicine, such as scientists and managers.

Health unions have voiced fears that people entering the health service will be reluctant to train and work in London, assuming there will be fewer vacancies. The government plans to discuss the possibility of offering "ring fenced" cash for London health authorities to ensure that money is available to fill vacancies during periods of change.

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Patten talks end in deadlock

Unions divided over fighting school tests

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

DIVISIONS between teaching unions over opposition to English tests for 14-year-olds emerged yesterday after talks with John Patten, the education secretary, ended in deadlock.

Leaders of five unions made different demands to Mr Patten in meetings seeking to avert industrial action this summer. The National Union of Teachers said the tests must be scrapped while others concentrated their opposition on the publication of schools' test results.

The six unions have so far conjured an appearance of unity — and attracted considerable support from independent and grant-maintained school head teachers — by emphasising that the tests should be made a national pilot. Five may ballot on a boycott, saying the tests are too narrow, poorly prepared and results will be invalid.

Mr Patten is determined to publish the results. He is intent on exploiting union disagreement and refused to meet the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers yesterday because it is threatening to disrupt all national curriculum assessments for children at seven, 11 and 14.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said after a meeting with Mr Patten that high on the union's list of options was for teachers to conduct the tests but withhold results from the government. "Individual parents are entitled to know how their children have performed even if teachers are very tentative about the exercise."

Mr Smith told Mr Patten that members considered the dispute a "professional protest and not politically motivated". His association is committed to balloting teachers on a boycott of the tests unless the government changes its position.

Doug McAvoy, NUT general secretary, said Mr Patten made it clear that a gulf remained between their positions. Mr McAvoy said English teachers would not be satisfied if Mr Patten sought an olive branch from the other unions and agreed not to publish the results nationally. "The tests would still need to be marked and add to the burden on teachers, and pupils would still have to take them," he said.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the key question was whether Mr Patten would insist on publishing results. "We do not want to see industrial action in our schools, even if it is on professional issues. But it takes two to tango."

Mr Patten later reaffirmed the government's commitment to testing at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16 and emphasised the importance of English in the curriculum. He said he had listened carefully to the various views and would reflect on them.

Home plan investors lose claim

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ELDERLY people who lost money in the collapse of home income plans failed in the High Court yesterday to gain bigger compensation payouts but won the go-ahead to pursue claims that could benefit their families after death.

Two judges rejected argument in a test case that victims of the schemes — which offered to release cash from the value of their homes — should be entitled to compensation at a level they might have received in a civil damages action.

The judges said, however, that personal representatives of those eligible for compensation were legally entitled to launch or continue to pursue claims against the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) after the claimant's death. They said the ICS board erred in law when it decided in November that the rules prevented it from entertaining claims by personal representatives of a deceased investor.

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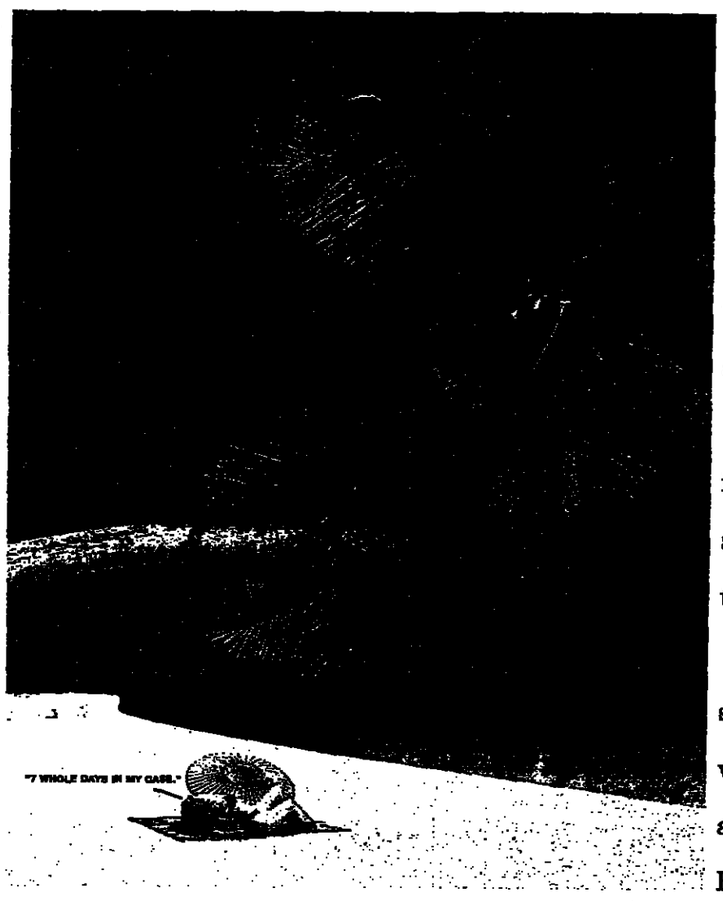
Conversation break: Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the general synod yesterday

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Habgood backs state role in church patronage

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders should not attempt to bypass the machinery of the state in the appointments of senior churchmen, Dr John Habgood, the Archbishop of York, said yesterday. Committing himself firmly to the continued establishment of the Church of England, Dr Habgood said that to end the prime minister's power of patronage in some senior church appointments would be to enter a minefield.

He told the general synod at Church House, Westminster: "If the church wants to retain a relationship with the state as symbolised with the head of state, there is no way of avoiding the constitutional machinery of state."

Dr Habgood challenged moves to distance the church from the state in appointing suffragan bishops, deans and provosts. He was speaking in a debate on the report, *Senior Church Appointments*, which recommends moving the power to appoint suffragan bishops and deans from the prime minister to the archbishops of Canterbury and York.

He said that the present system worked fairly and for the benefit of the church. Suffragan bishops are chosen by diocesan bishops and submitted through the prime minister for approval by the Queen. Deans are appointed by the Queen after a wide consultation by the prime minister's appointments secretary.

Dr Habgood said the Queen was Supreme Governor of the church by virtue of being head of state. He added: "To suggest, therefore, that she might act as Supreme Governor in a way which deliberately bypasses her normal constitutional relationship with the state would be to undermine its basis."

The Very Rev Eric Evans, dean of St Paul's, said parts of the report showed a "ghetto mentality" and would lead to "colourless, monochrome, committee-designed deans".

Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron, one of the few black people who has held a senior job in the church, said the present system had led to racist bias. The report's proposals would encourage the church to use the gifts of black people.

☐ Traditionalist members of the synod will meet this morning at Westminster Central Hall to discuss a call for them to take the Church of England to court to prevent the ordination of women priests becoming law.

The Rev Geoffrey Kirk, of Cost of Conscience, writes in this week's *Church of England Newspaper*: "They must, by one means at law or another, challenge both the inadequacy of the democratic process ... and the constitutional competence of the general synod."

Big rise in one-parent families

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE number of one-parent families has doubled in the past 20 years with up to two million children living in such a household, according to a report published yesterday.

More than half of lone mothers are separated or divorced but the most rapidly rising group is single unmarried mothers, rising from 90,000 in 1971 to 360,000 in 1989 and representing 31 per cent of all lone-parent families. As a proportion of all families with dependent children, single mothers who have never married rose from 1 to 6 per cent from 1971 to 1991, with 93 per cent of them on income support.

Seven out of ten single-parent families are dependent on income support, compared with a third in the early 1970s. With the cost of this support likely to continue growing, the report urges changes to the benefits system to help lone parents to escape from poverty.

The report, commissioned by the Rowntree Trust, wants lone parents on income support to be able to keep more of any earnings from part-time work before benefit is cut.

☐ *One Parent Families. Policy Options for the 1990s.* (Joseph Rowntree Trust, £7.50)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four boys die in house fire

Four boys aged between four and eight died in a house fire in Plumstead, southeast London, yesterday. Their mother, Tracey Gardiner, 29, escaped with their five-month-old brother.

The fire, which police are treating as suspicious, is believed to have started in the first-floor kitchen. The dead children are Calvin Moses, eight, and his brother Leon, 6, and four-year-old twins Wesley and Barrington.

Public apology

Yusuf Islam — formerly the pop singer Cat Stevens — has accepted a public apology from Tahrir Khalil, who slandered him in the Central London mosque with accusations that he betrayed the trust of his Muslim community and was an Israeli agent.

The game is up

Adrian Lowndes, 22, unemployed, of Fleetwod, Lancashire, stole a mobile telephone and ran up a £2,472.53 bill ringing 0898 numbers for live match reports on Manchester United. Blackpool magistrates adjourned sentencing for reports.

Sole survivor

May Fogarty, 65, of Swinton, South Yorkshire, who wore the same pair of leather shoes during 47 years' nursing, has been presented with them in a glass case on retiring.

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Judge in Ward case calls for reform of fraud trial system

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE judge in the Thomas Ward trial called yesterday for changes in the conduct of serious fraud trials after ordering that the defendant's costs of about £2 million be borne by the Crown.

Mr Justice Turner's comments reflect concern in legal circles following complex fraud cases, such as the Blue Arrow trial six months ago, that have resulted in routs for the Serious Fraud Office (SFO).

Mr Ward, 53, was cleared on Monday of the theft of £5.2 million from Guinness after the brewer's £2.6 billion takeover of the rival drinks group Distillers. The defence contended that the money was a success fee for Mr Ward's services as an adviser to the bid. The trial at the Old Bailey lasted six weeks.

Andrew Trollope, for the defence, applied to Mr Justice Turner for his client's defence costs, in Britain and America, until Mr Ward was granted legal aid in November 1991. The total amount was not specified. Outside court, however, Mr Ward said British taxpayers could have been saved £2 million if the case had not been brought to trial.

After the order for costs, Mr Justice Turner made suggestions about reform of fraud trials, which he would have made "regardless of the result of this present case".

George Staple, director of the SFO, which led the prosecution in all the Guinness trials, said yesterday that he welcomed the judge's comments. They were in line with the SFO's evidence to the royal commission on criminal justice, he said.

The SFO has been widely criticised for the conduct of large fraud trials, including Guinness and Blue Arrow. In spite of lengthy investigations at enormous expense, the SFO's success rate on big cases has been poor, prompting calls for an overhaul of the legal process, including fewer specific charges and the introduction of plea bargaining.

Yesterday Mr Justice Turner said that, in an effort to speed proceedings, prosecution and defence should declare their hands fully to each other before the start of a serious fraud case. At present, the prosecution in criminal trials had to "lay bare its store of knowledge to the defence" but the defence need not reciprocate, and could "set up an ambush at any stage in the trial process".

"One of the consequences of this imbalance is that proper issues of fact, including any inference to be drawn from primary fact, which the court and the jury may ultimately have to resolve, may lie buried until quite a late stage in the trial," the judge said.

He said that, under the present system, witnesses might give evidence on issues that turned out not to be in dispute, which was a waste of expensive court time.

The judge suggested a form of common pleading by both parties, as in civil law, with appropriate sanctions. "I would envisage incorporating the process of discovery, whereby each party is required to list documents in its possession and or power and hold them available for inspection by the other party."

Simplification of evidence in dispute would shorten trials. Mr Justice Turner proposed that a prosecution should not be started or continued unless a prosecutor was satisfied there was reliable evidence and kept evidence under review.

The judge also said that a regulatory body, existing alongside the law, could deal with some wrongdoers in the financial and commercial fields.

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Mr Justice Turner: facts may lie buried

Failure rate high in showpiece cases

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE reputation of the Serious Fraud Office has been damaged by high-profile failures during the past year, prompting calls for reform and more care in the initial laying of charges.

The overturning of convictions in the Blue Arrow fraud trial last July, and the acquittal of Thomas Ward on Monday in the final chapter of the long-running Guinness affair, are examples of the SFO's failure to achieve its goals in large-scale cases.

The powers of the SFO to compel suspects to answer questions have been undermined recently in a test case involving one of the four men charged in the Maxwell pensions case. During a so-called section two interview, witnesses lose the right to silence but the ruling last week leaves the SFO with much less room for manoeuvre and means each case must be decided on its own merits.

Even though the SFO has had more success in smaller cases and can boast a 66 per cent success rate overall, its performance is judged on handling of the complex fraud cases involving many millions that provided the impetus to establish the statutory body in 1987.

In the three big City fraud trials since then, 26 individuals and three companies were charged but only six convictions achieved. Apart from the four convictions in the first Guinness case, the only other guilty verdicts that gained wide public attention were those of two defendants in the Barlow Clowes trial.

Conscious of this poor perception and its procedural problems, the SFO is supportive of some changes, as evidenced by its submissions to the royal commission on criminal justice. Its relatively new director, George Staple, has emerged as a strong supporter of extended disclosure rules and the introduction of plea bargaining.

Critics believe that the SFO brings more charges than necessary, sometimes exacerbating the complexity of a case. This practice, however, seems to to be changing under Mr Staple. So far, there has been only a handful of charges brought against the four defendants in the Maxwell case, and charges against Asil Nadir of Polly Peck have been reduced.

The SFO has several other cases due to commence over the next three months, including the Bestwood case where the company's former chairman, Tony Cole, faces 20 charges including the alleged theft of £1.2 million. The trial of the personal fund manager Roger Levitt, accused of stealing from clients, is due to start in September.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



ON television the other night, Frederic Raphael was saying that writers, like koala bears, find it hard to be in the same room. I certainly know what he means. I have only once been in the same room as Mr Raphael. He followed it with a solicitor's letter threatening me with a libel suit.

At the lunch party at Simpson's-In-The-Strand last month for the first birthday of *The Oldie* magazine, every writer seemed to be avoiding every other writer as a result of unforgiven slights. For instance, I was avoiding Jeffrey Bernard, who had named me in print as one of his least favourite columnists. He was probably avoiding me for the same reason. When we finally went in for lunch, I breathed a sigh of relief, only to find myself sitting next to a novelist I once described in print as a liar. Though we both made an effort, the conversation failed to flow.

Having been both persecutor and persecuted, I can report that the two roles feel strangely similar. I once found myself on a crowded train opposite the writer Russell Davies, who kept his head down throughout the journey. "Thank goodness he doesn't recognise me," I thought, "as I once reviewed a book of his so badly." For the next hour, I struggled to remember which of his books it could have been, but I drew a blank.

Later, I explained this mystery to my wife. "But I *must* have written a bad review of one of his books because I felt such waves of guilt," I said.

"Don't be stupid," she replied. "*He* reviewed *your* book badly. *He* should have been feeling guilty." And — who knows? — perhaps he was.

Sarajevo relief pilot honoured

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN RAF pilot who flew an unarmed C130 Hercules aircraft on 21 United Nations humanitarian missions into Sarajevo over nine days last July became the first British serviceman to be given a bravery award for operations in Bosnia. Squadron Leader Christopher Tingay, 38, from 47 Squadron, based at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, was yesterday awarded the Air Force Cross for courage.

The award citation described the squadron leader as "an exceptionally brave man and an outstanding leader". He told the Ministry of Defence: "I am very surprised and very greatly honoured, but really this is a collective award for the five crews who have covered the operation."

Sqn Ldr Tingay has been in the RAF for 17 years, flying in the Falkland and Gulf wars. He lives with his wife, Sara, and sons James, 14, and Andrew, 13, in Melksham, Wiltshire.

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Bravery award: Sqn Ldr Tingay, Air Force Cross winner, in an RAF Hercules

Ex-marine threatened oil tankers

A FORMER Royal Marine who threatened to sabotage oil tankers and contaminate food with the Aids virus in a £660,000 blackmail attempt was jailed for four years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Stephen Farley, 35, had the idea after watching Michael Winner's *True Crimes* television series, the court was told. The oil companies Elf and Conoco received letters last July instructing them to hand over £220,000 each and to place a coded message in the *Daily Telegraph* births column within three days, James Curtis, for the prosecution, said.

But when the announcement was not placed, Farley thought that his threats had not been believed and sent a similar demand to Matthews Wall's, threatening to contaminate its products.

Farley, of Haslemere, Surrey, admitted blackmailing Elf and Conoco and asked for the attempted blackmail of Matthews Wall's to be taken into consideration.

The court was told that his driving businesses were in trouble. "He was £250,000 in debt and desperate," Mr Curtis said.

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Major pressed over new bill to ratify Maastricht treaty

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government was under pressure last night to explain whether it would have to bring forward fresh legislation on Maastricht if the social chapter protocol was removed from British legislation.

The prospect of a second bill was raised by MPs as they pondered the government ruling that defeat on the social chapter would not prevent ratification of the treaty, and after John Smith had accused the prime minister of "slippery manoeuvres" to deny MPs a decisive say over the provision.

MPs questioned whether the government would have power to authorise payments towards the administration of the social chapter, as envisaged in the treaty, if there was no British law that required them to so. Others said the government would be left defenceless in the European Court in actions under the social chapter, if the protocol enshrining the British opt-out was not included in British legislation.

As Tory Euro-sceptics planned their tactics for the next debates on the bill, starting on Monday, Sir Teddy Taylor raised a succession of legal questions in a letter to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. He also called on Mr Hurd to publish the contrasting advice of the Foreign Office legal department and the Attorney-general.

Labour commissioned its own legal advice on the government's ruling about amendment 27, and the Liberal Democrats considered the feasibility of tabling amendments calling for a new inter-governmental conference on the social chapter.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Smith attacked Mr Major's "outright abuse of our unwritten constitution". He demanded: "Do you accept that this House should be able to decide whether or not Britain should accept or reject the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty?"

Mr Smith said it was a "curious coincidence that the prospect of political defeat had caused a revision of the legal opinion". He asked: "Why is the government so anxious to prevent the House from deciding this issue?"

Mr Major insisted that there was no question of the government ratifying the treaty except by "normal parliamentary procedures".

In one of their sharpest question time exchanges Mr Smith rose again to ask Mr Major whether he had "no shame". He quoted a description in *The Times* of the government being "like a spiv businessman employing a sharp lawyer?"

Amid uproar Mr Major told Mr Smith, himself an advocate: "Sharp lawyers in glass houses should not throw stones in the way you have done." Mr Smith claimed to support the treaty, he said, "but you and your colleagues moved an amendment which was intended to lead to amendments to the treaty, a new intergovernmental conference and new ratification procedures in member states.

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Ministers called to account on charter

A strange little drama halfway between Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* and a Star Chamber inquisition will take place in 10 Downing Street this morning. As part of the prime minister's third seminar on the citizen's charter, William Waldegrave will cross-examine the secretaries of state for transport, health and social security in front of the whole cabinet about their record in implementing the charter.

The event is being carefully stage-managed to ensure the right balance between good humour and sharpness. Ministers will, for example, know the questions in advance. But their replies are meant to be more than just bland recitations. They are intended to show the pluses and minuses of how the charter is working.

Cabinet ministers and permanent secretaries are now expected to be called to account regularly in front of

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colleagues. The charter is frequently, and mistakenly, derided as empty tokenism. But it has become the public face of far-reaching reforms in public services under Mr Major's premiership, as Mr Waldegrave argues in a pamphlet *Public Service and the Future*.

The extent of these changes is largely unappreciated at Westminster, where the issues are discussed only rarely, and only by a few MPs.

However, the current upheaval in central government is as large as that in the health service or education, and reflects the same basic principle of dividing purchasers from providers to introduce greater competition. There is now a new generation of managers across the public sector, some better paid than permanent secretaries, who are committed to the new approach.

Roughly half the 550,000 civil servants now work for semi-independent executive agencies and by December decisions will have been taken to ensure that three-quarters are. Mr Waldegrave will tomorrow tell their chief executives that the new agencies will only work if they use their new freedom to change pay structures and break with traditional hierarchies.

Some departments are more willing to embrace the change than others. The doctors are resisting comparative performance indicators between various hospitals and consultants. The legal establishment, having only reluctantly agreed to the courts charter, is not keen to have public tables showing the rate at which courts deal with cases.

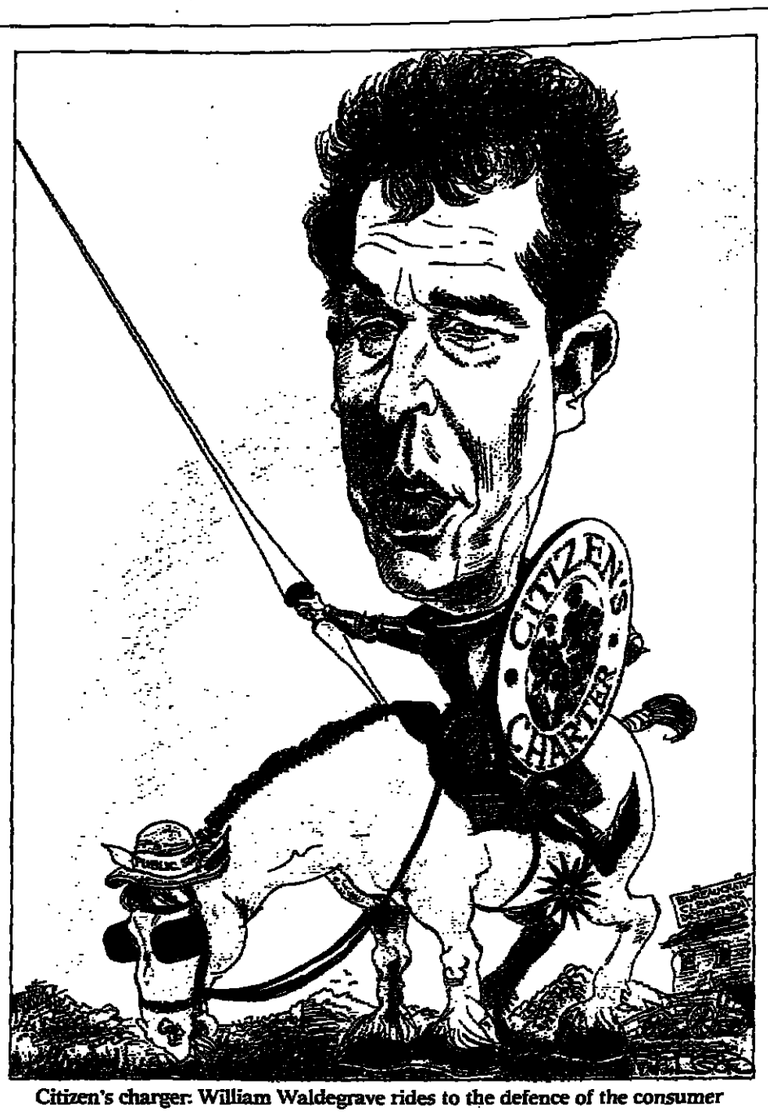
The record of the department of transport is patchy as rail users can testify. It was significant that, during Commons questions on Monday, Robert Jackson, Mr Waldegrave's deputy, said that, under the franchising of rail operations, the British Rail passenger's charter would "apply to everyone who operates a service". It is vital to the whole charter approach that it should apply to such services even if they are partially privatised.

We are still at the stage of enthusiastic implementation. The full impact of the changes has not yet had time to appear, though the public accounts committee will later today issue what is expected to be a sceptical report on the experience of the Vehicles Inspectorate, the first executive agency.

There are also basic constitutional questions about the shift to what amounts to government by contract. The emphasis is on the public as consumer of services rather than as a voting citizen. Mr Waldegrave argues in his pamphlet that the changes do not undermine the traditional public service ethos of the civil service. The various citizen's charters are merely public measures of that ethos. But democratic accountability tends to be left out of account.

Mr Waldegrave does not mind being regarded as an irritant. He was pleased with the recent press report that one cabinet colleague regards him as a "persisent nuisance". However, the government's support for publishing league tables of performance of services does not extend to publishing the record of Whitehall departments in implementing the charter. There are limits to public self-criticism.

PETER RIDDELL



Citizen's charger: William Waldegrave rides to the defence of the consumer

Red tape finds its price in market

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S cumbersome bureaucracies are being revitalised by the injection of competition into the machinery of state, William Waldegrave, the public service minister, said yesterday.

Publishing a pamphlet examining the government's public service reform programme, Mr Waldegrave described the initiative as a "fundamental reappraisal of the role of government" which is reducing the state to its essential core. In addition to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the central civil service, the reforms were also "helping to restore a proper balance to the relationship between the citizen and the state".

The reforms, which range from the privatisation of nationalised industries to the introduction of the citizen's charter, had widespread public support because they attempted to subject the public sector to the same market disciplines faced by the private sector, he said.

"The quality of spending should be analysed every bit as closely as its quantity, and never again should the electorate be presented with a false choice between low rates of taxation and high standards of service," Mr Waldegrave said.

Having privatised the non-essential functions of state, it was vital that government found "practical methods for preventing the remaining public sector from reinfecting itself with the old ills of inefficiency, insensitivity, and waste". This was being achieved as a result of the government's market testing programme, which seeks to do to Whitehall what compulsory competitive tendering did for local government.

The fragmentation of the civil service into semi-autonomous Next Steps agencies would help to reduce costs and increase efficiency, while the citizen's charter would help to revive the spirit of public service.

Public Service and the Future, *By William Waldegrave, Conservative Political Centre, £3.50.*

Tunnel rail link to test new rules

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BUILDING the 68-mile Channel tunnel rail link will test the new public and private sector joint ventures of the 1990s, Stephen Dorrell, the financial secretary to the Treasury, will tell MPs today.

New rules to encourage public and private sector partnerships could revolutionise the provision of transport infrastructure, from mainlines to motorways. Mr Dorrell will tell the Treasury and civil service committee.

Government attempts to recruit private sector capital for new transport projects have been limited to minor schemes like the Dartford river crossing and the Birmingham northern relief road. Now ministers want the private sector to take on a far bigger role.

The new rules, which were unveiled in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, attempt to eliminate the government's traditional hostility towards public/private sector joint ventures, providing that there is a sensible "sharing" of the risks.

Mr Dorrell said the initiative was part of the government's attempt to "challenge the conventional wisdom about what services should be provided by the public sector". Up to now private sector capital has been seen as a way of funding small-scale infrastructure projects. "What we are now saying is that it can be the main option," he added.

Discussion of the new partnerships had focused on the possible use of toll roads to help to develop the motorway network, Mr Dorrell said. But it also applied to new railway infrastructure.

The initiative also marks the end of the government's opposition to using subsidies to help build the high-speed rail link between Folkestone and London. Although the amount of support has yet to be worked out, the principle has effectively been conceded.

The relaxation of Treasury rules governing public/private sector joint ventures coincides with the completion of British Rail's latest proposals for the rail link — submitted to ministers on January 14 — which has reduced the cost of the new line to around £3 billion, £1.5 billion less than originally forecast. Ministers are examining BR's confidential report. BR has achieved the savings by altering the gradient of the line, so reducing the number and length of tunnels, cuttings, viaducts and embankments.

ABPI welcomes government initiative on new regulations

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The 'cost' to Britain's pharmaceutical companies arising from these proposed new regulations will amount to hundreds of millions of pounds.

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Lords to study implications of 'right to die' cases

A WIDE-ranging enquiry into the medical and social implications and ethics of the withholding of medical treatment for people who are terminally ill and in pain is to be held by a House of Lords committee (Robert Morgan writes). But early legislation has been ruled out. Lord Wakeham, Leader of the House, told peers last night: "The establishment of this committee should be by no means deemed to imply any change in the law is intended."

The law lords in the Anthony Bland case said that Parliament should consider the issues it highlighted. Mr Bland was injured during the Hillsborough disaster and kept alive although he had no hope of recovering from a persistent vegetative state. The law lords agreed he should be allowed to die. The committee is to look into the "ethical, legal and clinical implications of a person's right to withhold consent to life-prolonging treatment, and to the position of persons who are no longer able to give or withhold consent".

AROUND THE LOBBY

Watchdog for justice demanded

A bill to set up an independent tribunal to re-examine contentious court convictions was introduced by Jean Corston, Labour MP for Bristol East. It would set up a criminal justice review board to which a convicted person could appeal provided he or she had exhausted appeal procedure or suffered unreasonable delay.

"For too long, protestations of innocence from behind prison walls have been as silent screams," Ms Corston said. "It is time we ensured these pleas can be properly heard."

Art taxed

Two diagrams by Michelangelo have been allocated to the British Museum and a painting by Domenico Beccafumi is going to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, said in a written reply. They had been accepted by the government in lieu of tax.

Labour counsel

Margaret Beckett, deputy leader of the Labour party, Dr Jack Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, Derek Foster, Labour's chief whip, and Lord Richard, leader of the Labour peers, have been made privy counsellors.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: trade and industry. Trade union reform and employment rights bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Debates on financial difficulties of students and Maastricht treaty.

Brown to call for boost in training

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

NEW tax incentives for training, and a University for Industry will today be proposed by Gordon Brown, Labour's shadow chancellor, as part of the party's new economic approach. Mr Brown's speech, the first of a series, will set out the main themes of the party's economic strategy following criticisms that the Labour leadership has been slow to offer a detailed alternative to government policies.

He will argue that instead of "the old argument about the public sector replacing the private sector, of the state replacing the market", the party should move towards "a new argument about the development of individual potential through the use of both public and private sectors".

In particular, he will call for changes in the tax and social benefits system to help companies and individuals who undertake training. Instead of the present industrial and regional grants arrangements, stronger incentives should be offered to companies seeking to upgrade their human resources. Tax relief for research should no longer be on the basis of building and equipment, but should be geared to research and development activity.

Following the lead of the Open University, Mr Brown will propose a University for Industry, bringing together universities, industry and broadcasters in a venture using satellite communications so that skills and information can be continuously upgraded.

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Boutros Ghali presses Japanese to match economic might with greater peacekeeping role

UN prepares to take off the gloves as world policeman

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ The use of force in peacekeeping is at the top of the agenda. Some UN members will strongly resist any frontline role

THE United Nations is starting to adopt a more aggressive policy towards deploying UN troops that could turn the organisation into the policeman of the post-Cold war world. In coming days, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the strong-willed secretary-general, will present his proposal for the first "peace-enforcement" mission under UN command — a multinational corps of up to 25,000 men replacing the US-led force in Somalia.

The plan will empower the UN force, led by a three-star Turkish general, to use force in the pursuit of peace in the famine-stricken country even if local leaders object. For the first time, a large number of American troops on active duty — up to 5,000 specialists in logistics, communications and intelligence — would be placed under UN command.

The Somalia plan is only the most dramatic example of the UN's willingness to deploy large numbers of "blue helmets" and authorise them to use force. Previous rules of peacekeeping, stipulating that UN troops could only be deployed with the consent of both sides in a conflict and use force only in self-defence, are now honoured almost as much in the breach as in the observance. UN troops in Bosnia are allowed to fight to meet their mandate of delivering humanitarian aid, and the beefed-up UN border guard on the Iraq-Kuwait frontier is under orders to remain there.

The UN has also sent a battalion of soldiers to police the borders of Macedonia without the consent of neighbouring states — the first "preventive deployment" of peacekeepers.

The organisation's tougher stance has largely been forced on it, but senior officials, including Dr Boutros Ghali, accept that this is inevitable. In his *Agenda for Peace*, an ambitious blueprint, the secretary-general called last summer for more "preventive deployment" of peacekeepers, for the creation of "peace-enforcement units", and for the setting-up of a United Nations reserve army.

The inadequacy of previous peacekeeping rules has become increasingly apparent as UN forces have suffered a series of embarrassments. A French contingent manning Sarajevo airport let Serb gunmen kill Hakija Turajlic, Bosnia's deputy prime minister, while he sat in a UN armoured car at a roadblock.



Goulding: sideways move in shake-up

In neighbouring Croatia, even the presence of 14,000 UN troops could not stop Serbs reclaiming their heavy weapons from supposed UN control in a recent offensive.

UN observers on the Iraq-Kuwait border were powerless to stop repeated Iraqi incursions into Kuwaiti territory. In Cambodia, Khmer Rouge guerrillas have repeatedly kidnapped UN soldiers, while in Angola United Nations troops have been forced to retreat after the collapse of the peace process and renewed civil war.

The UN has promised to press ahead with elections in Cambodia despite the Khmer Rouge and to send some 7,500 peacekeepers to police a peace accord in Mozambique, more than ten times the number sent to Angola.

Dr Boutros Ghali has said it might be necessary to strengthen the UN force in Croatia if no progress is made towards a peace settlement between the government and the Serb minority.

The tougher approach led this month to a changing of the guard at the organisation's peacekeeping department in New York. Marrack Goulding, an under-secretary general noted for his cautious attitude, has been moved sideways from peacekeeping to a political department. A Briton, he was replaced by Kofi Annan of Ghana.

One immediate result could be that America succeeds in persuading the UN hierarchy to build a special 24-hour control centre for UN peacekeeping operations, something that Mr Goulding resisted.

Now also working in the peacekeeping department are seven senior military officers, seconded by their governments, who are preparing a UN reserve army. They will soon contact UN members to try to persuade them to place contingents on standby for UN duty in the hope of establishing a reserve force of some 40,000 men.

☐ **Tokyo:** Dr Boutros Ghali, last night told Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, that Tokyo should play a more active role in maintaining peace (Joanna Pitman writes).

His message, which encompassed the possibility of Japanese participation in new UN peace-enforcement units and activities in Europe and Africa, particularly Somalia, touched a nerve and exposed the contradiction that lies at the heart of Tokyo's ambitions to be a force in international affairs.

Mr Miyazawa reportedly expressed understanding of Dr Boutros Ghali's request, but said that constitutional restraints would make a wider Japanese role difficult. Japan should not attempt to amend its 1947 constitution. "We should never again become a military power," he said.

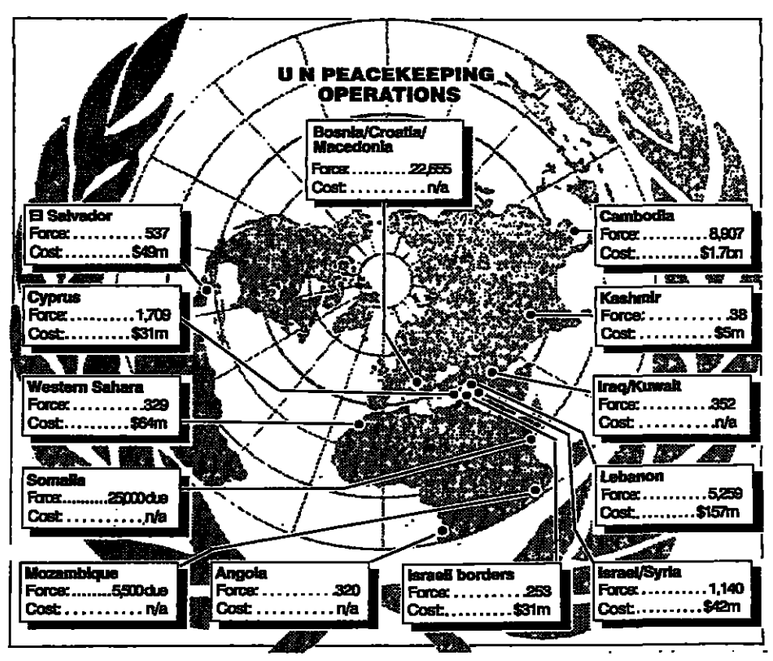
Dr Boutros Ghali's uncompromising statement is just the latest in a chorus of voices from within the UN and from Tokyo's most important trading partners, calling for a Japanese international political role proportional to its economic might. Tokyo is interpreting these messages as accusations that Japan is too rich and powerful to continue its policy of "omni-directional diplomacy" — smiling politely at all sides from beneath the shade of an American-maintained nuclear umbrella.

To mollify its critics, on whom Japan as an export driven economy depends, Tokyo is seeking a more conspicuous role in world politics. Its goal is a permanent seat on the security council, a reward which Tokyo believes would justly reflect the fact that Japan is the largest contributor to UN coffers after America.

But Dr Boutros Ghali's visit has served to reinforce that if Japan seeks international approval it will be expected to participate in an international sense, not only in regions of direct interest.



Looking for change: Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, reviews a Tokyo guard of honour yesterday with Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister



Left fights ANC deal to share power

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress yesterday began three days of debate on whether to endorse the power-sharing deal that its negotiators have sketched out with the government of President de Klerk.

The militant black-power wing of the movement, dominated by extreme left-wingers from the regions, was last night making a determined effort to have the deal rejected by the national executive committee.

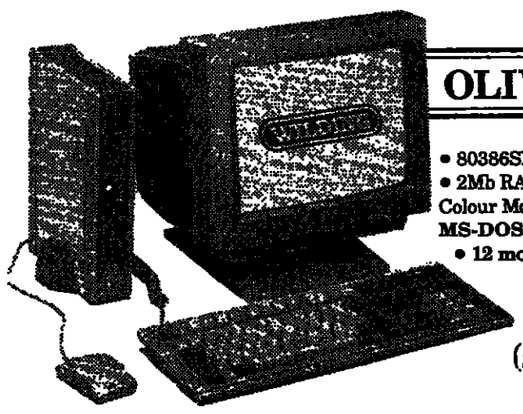
Led by Harry Gwala, the hardline leader of the Natal Midlands region who was paralysed during his years as a prisoner on Robben Island, the attack was supported by other regions, notably the Western Cape, which was the only section of the ANC to reject outright last year's negotiations strategy document.

The document, *A Strategic Perspective*, which was largely written by Joe Slovo, the white Communist party president, was the first programme given approval which formally allowed the possibility of sharing power with the white minority. It too was bitterly fought over in the national executive, and the wording was watered down: a government of national unity was to be allowed, provided that the will of the majority was not permanently frustrated.

This has allowed Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, to draw a difference between power-sharing and the unity government, saying that the deal does not allow for sharing power. The left-wingers on the executive were trying to abandon all pretence of allowing the losers in a winner-takes-all election a part in government.

A government negotiating team met Inkatha Freedom Party delegates yesterday for three days of talks. The Zulu-based Inkatha is wedded to a federal form of government.

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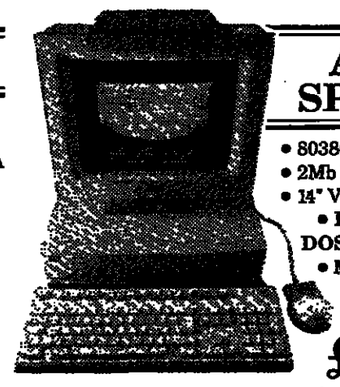
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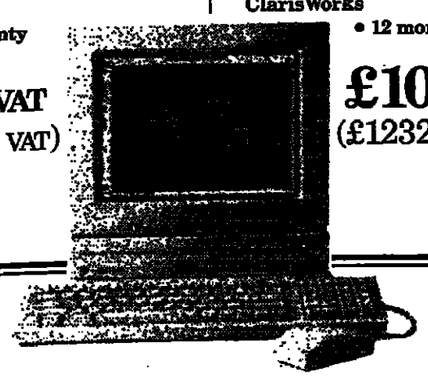
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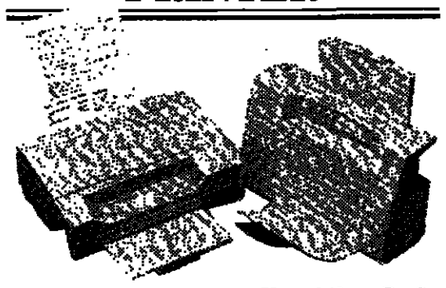
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Bonn left wing orders halt on the march to wider military role


Klose: psychological leap for Germany

BY ROGER BOYES

■ Pressures are growing for international German involvement after four toothless decades. Some Germans are getting fearful

GERMANY should be given more time, perhaps five years, before being required to take part in military operations outside the Nato area, according to Hans-Ulrich Klose, the leader of the Social Democratic party parliamentary caucus. He made his appeal while visiting London yesterday, in part to explain the German crisis of confidence on security matters.

The Bonn government coalition, of Christian Democrats and Free Democrats, is trying to amend the constitution to allow German participation not only in peacekeeping operations sponsored by the UN Security Council but also in international military missions that have not been explicitly authorised by the world body. That, in the view of Bonn, would empower Germany to play a full role as a military, as well as a political and economic, actor in the Western alliance.

In an interview with *The Times*, Herr Klose voiced the doubts of the Social Democratic party (SPD) opposition about such a step, but at the same time tried to reassure Germany's allies that it was not shirking responsibility. He said the government proposal "would mean a total change in our situation and we keep saying that we should solve this problem step by step — we need more time". It was, he said, a psychological leap for Germany. "After all, we have been educated for 40 years that we should hesitate as far as any military involvement is concerned ... and now, after the Cold war, everybody is expecting Germany to change its position in a very short time," he said.

As far as the SPD was concerned, the constitution could be changed to permit serious peacekeeping operations. Herr Klose could see no objections to Germany helping out in Somalia, "securing that aid, helping with protection zones such as in northern Iraq, and taking part in embargos". The commitment of combatant troops outside the Nato area would have to wait. "I am ready to talk about this next step in five years."

The result of these differing positions is a political stalemate in Bonn that seems to exclude or at least diminish German participation in the big, vital debates about the future of Western security.

It is not simply a matter of the government versus the opposition, a question of juggling parliamentary numbers. The Free Democrats, the junior government coalition partner, have said they would leave the government if German personnel were used in Awacs (Airborne Warning and Control System) flights over Bosnia to enforce a no-fly zone. The Awacs planes, effectively flying radar, are stationed in Geilenkirchen in Germany, and a third of the air crews are Germans.

The Free Democrats argue, however, that for Germans even to fly over Bosnia would place them in a combatant role outside the Nato region, an unacceptable step. The SPD agrees; plainly the Germans will either have to withdraw from a Nato aerial operation in former Yugoslavia or risk the break-up of the government. That has drawn a bemused response from members of the Clinton administration, as well as from Britain and France.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, said recently: "My hope is that Germany will keep its pilot crews and other personnel on that fleet ... Germany will surely not put at risk its ability to act as a member of the alliance."

Although the German caution is explained as part of a necessary learning experience, of adjusting to a global role in military affairs after four toothless decades, the politicians seem to be somewhat out of step with the shifts in public opinion. A wide-ranging opinion survey, carried out by the Rand group and published in Washington yesterday, indicates that ordinary Germans are becoming more assertive on security issues and that in some respects they may be more daring than their politicians. The Rand poll found that about three-quarters of Germans want Nato to respond to crises beyond the alliance boundaries.

Last week, the respected German Allensbach sampling institute discovered a similar trend: 50 per cent of Germans thought that their soldiers should be fighting alongside the British and French in the Balkans while only 31 per cent believed that Bonn should restrict its role to financing UN operations.

Yeltsin summons MPs in attempt to end power struggle

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin last night called for an emergency session of Russia's supreme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, to end a power struggle crippling the country. A statement from Mr Yeltsin's press office said the session could take place in the first ten days of March and would concentrate on ratifying a constitutional agreement.

Earlier, Mr Yeltsin met his rival for power, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, in an attempt to defuse the damaging power struggle between parliament and the presidency.

The two men began talks behind closed doors in the Kremlin after Mr Yeltsin said that he was prepared to continue with the negotiations despite leaving Moscow to begin a surprise holiday at his country dacha yesterday.

The meeting is the second encounter in a week in which Mr Khasbulatov has pressed, with increasing vigour, parliament's claim to be the representative forum in the country. The last meeting, brokered by Valeri Zorkin, chairman of the constitutional court, ended in failure. Yesterday, the meeting proceeded without a middleman, a move that may signal that Mr Yeltsin intends to use it to thrash out a deal with the benefit of confidentiality.

The Russian leader is facing strong pressure to devolve more power to the conservative parliament, but fears losing control of the reform process if he does so. He has been wrong-footed by Mr Khasbulatov over the planned referendum in April, which initially was called by Mr Yeltsin to establish a public mandate for his rule and end the debilitating deadlock.

Mr Khasbulatov, however, is insisting that the vote should be accompanied by a vote of confidence in the president, a test that Mr Yeltsin, beset by economic problems, is not keen to undergo.

The Russian president's abrupt departure for a 12-day holiday is apparently intended to give him time to reflect on possible escape routes from the impasse, free of Mr Khasbulatov's harrying. He is also described by his staff as being over-tired. The departure inevitably has drawn fire from his opponents, who see it as a flight from the fray.

As the atmosphere becomes increasingly fraught, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, has said that Russia could follow the Soviet Union into dissolution if regional leaders sought to exploit Moscow's confusion by trying to grab power. He told politicians in the Siberian city of Tomsk: "To a certain extent, the process that led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union is now taking place in Russia. There can be no strong Russia if the regions are strong."

Siberia is Russia's most resource-rich region and its leaders are pressing for increased autonomy. Mr Yeltsin, who needs regional allies, has said that he will devolve power, but Mr Chernomyrdin reflects the fears of many Russians that that process could lead to the Russian Federation splitting.


Stairway to haven: Bosnian Muslims boarding a flight in Zagreb yesterday for a temporary refuge in Israel. Eighty-four later arrived in Tel Aviv

Serbs test UN will in third day of convoy blockade

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

SERB leaders came under growing international pressure yesterday as a United Nations aid convoy was prevented for the third consecutive day from entering eastern Bosnia.

On Monday, Cyrus Vance, the UN peace envoy, spoke to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and Britain yesterday delivered official protests to Serbia and Bosnian Serb leaders.

The convoy, destined for the surrounded Muslim enclave of Cerska, has been held up on the Yugoslav bank of the Drina river since Sunday, despite repeated assurances of free passage from Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader. Local commanders told the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) convoy that the order to stop the ten trucks had come from General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military chief.

Michael Robinson, Britain's chargé d'affaires in Belgrade, yesterday reminded Serb leaders of the commitments that they have made about aid deliveries. No European Community protest has yet been lodged but diplomatic sources said that they expected the issue to be discussed in Brussels today.

On Monday the Bosnian Serb military chief in Zvornik ordered a contingent of French UN convoy escort troops to leave town, but according to the UNHCR they have stood their ground. "It's pretty tense," said Lyndall Sachs, a UNHCR spokeswoman in Belgrade.

Another convoy, bound for the enclave of Gorazde, was allowed to pass through the town yesterday. But UNHCR officials were pessimistic about its chances of getting through. Convoys for Gorazde have been blocked for the past three weeks further south at Rogatica.

Sylvana Foa, a UNHCR spokeswoman in Geneva, criticised Bosnian Muslim leaders who are refusing to distribute aid in Sarajevo until the organisation manages to deliver aid to the Drina valley enclaves. She accused them of "depriving their own people of food for political reasons", adding: "Our people are very depressed because when they see a UNHCR truck going down the road, people chase the truck begging, because they think there's food in it. The people of Sarajevo are beginning to get hungry."

The Cerska convoy carries not only food but much-needed medicine as well. Tony Land, a UNHCR official in Sarajevo, said that in all the Drina enclaves, operations were having to be performed without anaesthetic. "They use alcohol," he said. "The patient drinks himself unconscious and then the surgeon does the job at top speed."

International concern about the Cerska convoy arises because the enclave has become the symbol of a test of strength involving the UN and the international community as a whole, the Muslim-dominated government in Sarajevo and the Bosnian Serbs. Following the Croatian attack on UN-"protected" Serb-held territory in Croatia, and the continuing failure of the UNHCR to get food to more than 100,000 Muslims in the enclaves, the UN's credibility is at an all-time low with all sides. Cerska has become an opportunity for the UN to retrieve some of its standing.

The issue has also thrown the spotlight on Dr Karadzic. It has proved that either he is a liar, or he simply cannot enforce his will on his military commanders. In this instance the latter is more likely to be the case. The Serbs have failed to flush out the Muslims of the Drina valley, and the military men believe that the Serbs will never have peace there while the Muslims remain.

Dr Karadzic's credibility is at stake in a wider sense too, because if he is incapable of meeting his word on the delivery of 90 tonnes of aid to a small village, he certainly does not have the power to deliver on the commitments he may give in any Bosnian peace settlement.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Italian aid policy 'corrupt'

Rome: Attention in Italy's widening corruption investigation turned to overseas aid yesterday when Claudio Lenoci, a former deputy foreign minister, was told that he was being investigated.

Judges are looking into allegations that the foreign ministry tailored policy to suit Italian companies rather than the development needs of the Third World and allowed suppliers to overcharge, state television said.

The ministry said that all overseas aid programmes begun over the past three years have been frozen while enquiries are held. *(Reuter)*

Togo attack

Paris: France's opposition, likely to take power after next month's general election, criticised the government for withdrawing aid from strife-torn Togo which it said was vital to the safety of French citizens there. *(Reuter)*

Drugs arrests

Copenhagen: Police searching for illegal drugs arrested at least 17 people in raids on Christiania, a 20-year-old squatter community in a former barracks in the Danish capital. *(AP)*

Farmers protest

Castellón: About 2,000 farmers from eastern Spain began a "green march" to Madrid to protest about conditions in agriculture. On the way to the capital they will be joined by groups from other parts of the country. *(Reuter)*

Migrant accord

Budapest: Interior ministers from 35 European countries, meeting here, proposed a crackdown on illegal immigration as millions of people from poorer parts of Europe head west seeking a better life. *(Reuter)*

Gay rights

The Hague: The Dutch parliament passed an anti-discrimination law, giving The Netherlands what pressure groups say is the most progressive gay rights legislation in the world. *(Reuter)*

Man in the news

Khasbulatov dons Rasputin mantle

BY ANNE MCELVOY

HE IS an unlikely Rasputin, this crudely handsome, self-described "economist and lawyer" with a peculiar singsong intonation and respectable pipe. But not since the notorious monk has there been a figure close to power in Russia surrounded by such an aura of scandal, such baroque tales of alcoholic, drug and sexual excess, and such a panache in unravelling order in the state.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, the compelling Speaker of the Russian parliament who elevates filibustering and manipulation to an art form, has, in the latest bout of arm-wrestling between parliament and executive, achieved the status of President Yeltsin's main antagonist. It is a role he clearly relishes as he drives the Russian leader into a trap from which he cannot but emerge damaged and weakened. Mr Khasbulatov is hunting his quarry mercilessly and is turning his opponent's strength back on himself.


Khasbulatov: hunts his quarry mercilessly

He has put Mr Yeltsin on the defensive by suggesting questions for the referendum proposed for April, on who has supreme power in the land, in such a loaded format that it would be likely to result in mass abstentions through indifference and confusion or, worse, to turn into a poll on Mr Yeltsin's popularity.

That provoked Mr Yeltsin to suggest that the referendum should be called off. Mr Khasbulatov promptly countered that the move showed the president to be scared of the people's will.

All of this is as depressing as it is impenetrable to most Russians. The worst thing about Mr Khasbulatov — and simultaneously the reason for his rapid rise — is that he embodies the self-destructive streak that runs through post-communist Russia like the stripes in a stick of rock. He knows how to combine hysteria and domination to frighten insecure deputies. He also bears grudges: this latest spurt of attacks on the Russian leader is in no small part revenge for Mr Yeltsin disbanding his 5,000-strong parliamentary guard last year.

Like Goethe's Mephistopheles, he is "the spirit of all that is negative", seeking to destroy the Yeltsin reforms without being reliably attached to an alternative.

Mr Khasbulatov's psychology is complicated, his ambition unclear. He has been spurned by his native Chechenia for supporting Mr Yeltsin's state of emergency and clampdown on secession of the autonomous republics, but his ethnic background, synonymous for most Russians with hot-headedness and violence, make him unelectable as president except perhaps temporarily in conditions of extraordinary chaos.

Holy days may be numbered

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

GERMANS enjoy their bank holidays. Indeed, few European countries have so many. And nobody in Germany has so many as the Bavarians, who celebrate 14 national and religious festivals.

In these straitened and secular times, however, many people, especially in the more puritan north, are beginning to wonder whether this is too much. Can the country afford to down tools so often? Berliners, reeling under the burden of unification, have now challenged the Catholic southerners to do their bit for the austerity package by giving up some of their more obscure Christian feasts.

Top of the list to go is Whit Monday. Also targeted are Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension day, All Saints' and "Peace day", a thanksgiving for the end of the Thirty Years' war now observed only in Augsburg. The Protestant north enjoys none of these.

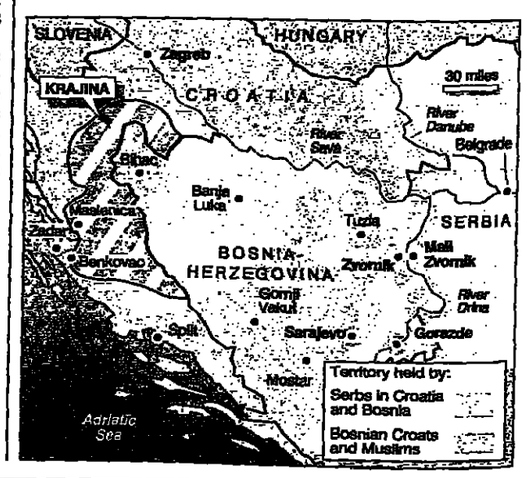
Predictably, the north's proposals have provoked uproar, with the bishops weighing in firmly against any curtailment of holy merriment. Max Streibl, the Bavarian prime minister, who is himself under a cloud for enjoying too many holidays at the expense of a very rich and clearly secular commercial company, has promised the church his full support for maintaining the holidays.

In search of ammunition, experts in Bonn have been looking at the religious significance of some of the holidays. They have found that Whit Monday is a particularly spurious festival, and that Christianity would not be in the slightest damaged if it became a working day, which it already is in Catholic Italy.

Germans, a recent survey found, now admit they are living beyond their means and not working hard enough. But few are willing to sacrifice holidays hallowed by tradition: the only one most people are willing to forgo is the most recently instituted — Unity day, on October 3 which, for an increasing number of people in both east and west, is something of a hollow joke.

In any case, the trade unions argue, giving up holidays will hardly help the economy since so many people are now unemployed or on short-time working that an extra day of work would have only theoretical relevance.

Nobody has yet suggested working on Rose Monday, Ash Wednesday or the feminists' day of empowerment, "Wenches' Night", the Thursday before. Any politician airing such an idea would quickly join the parade of "fools" who dominate the streets and pubs of Cologne for what seems to outsiders the interminable month or more of Karnival, the Rhineland's favourite holiday.



Mitterrand lays 'dirty war' dead to rest amid the mimosa

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN FRÉJUS

BENEATH a lone pine tree on a Mediterranean hillside, President Mitterrand yesterday formally laid to rest the remains of 27,000 servicemen and civilians who were killed in Indochina, an act which sought to efface the legacy of bitterness felt by many who served in France's "dirty war".

In a moving ceremony that began with the Last Post from a marine bugler, M Mitterrand opened a national necropolis and memorial to the "wars of Indochina", a pink-washed complex in a natural amphitheatre surrounded by pines and mimosa and overlooking the sea.

Generals, admirals and hundreds of bemedalled veterans looked on in the pale sunshine as the president spoke of the sense of abandonment and ingratitude which many had felt after their service in the battlefields of Cochinchine, Annam, Laos and Cambodia, the lands of French Indochina.

"You had to wait 40 years to be recognised," he said, referring to the recent decision to give formal war-veteran status to the survivors. "There are sacrifices which the vicissitudes of history do not erase." Inmured in the crypt are the remains of 24,000 military and 3,000 civilians, brought back over the past few years under agreements with the Hanoi government. Most of the military had passed through this Riviera camp on their way to do their bit in France's doomed effort to retain its empire, an effort which, like that of America a decade later, enjoyed little public support.

More than 90,000 died between 1946 and Dien Bien Phu in 1954, one of the greatest battlefield humiliations in French history. All their names are to be engraved on a wall which intersects the circular monument, a device similar to the Washington Vietnam Memorial. Half of the dead at Dien Bien Phu came from the Foreign Legion. Their comrades stood guard in Fréjus yesterday.

By a coincidence, as M Mitterrand noted, he had visited Dien Bien Phu only last Wednesday on a trip which reconciled France and Vietnam, but also evoked anger from senior officers. Some were incensed by the president's meeting with General Vo Nguyen Giap, the engineer of the French and American defeats. General Marcel Bigeard, who served as a captain of the Colonial Infantry at Dien Bien Phu, refused to accompany the president to Vietnam, though he stood beside him in Fréjus yesterday. General Bigeard and other veterans have made no secret of their disdain for the politicians who opposed the war, among them the young François Mitterrand. As a government minister at the time, M Mitterrand called the war "an error".

After the ceremony, M Mitterrand sought to set his record straight, talking of his "anguish" in seeing the evidence of such great sacrifice. "I never thought that that sacrifice was pointless. Something was sown there," he said, speaking inside the old town hall of Fréjus. Those seeds had given Vietnam a special tie with France which had just been reborn.

The polemics over the war have still not died. An official document from the ministry of former servicemen yesterday described the conflict as "a colonial war without purpose or hope". That view is rejected by old soldiers and revisionist historians who see it as a product of the collective guilt generated by left-wing intellectuals of the 1950s and 1960s.

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Clinton calls public to arms against privilege and greed

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ Austerity is on the way. The reaction of Ross Perot to the president's anti-deficit package will be a critical factor in its success

PRESIDENT Clinton will today unveil a traumatic prescription for America's long-term economic revival. It comes in the wake of his fierce pre-emptive strike on Monday night against those who will fight his programme during the coming months.

Adopting a shamelessly populist tone, Mr Clinton used his first Oval Office address to the nation to rally middle America against an elite that had "already lined the corridors of power with high-priced lobbyists" to protect its narrow interests. Those lobbyists would be out in force within minutes of tonight's State of the Union speech, ready to oppose his programme "every step of the way", he said.

The president admitted that he would be unable to honour his campaign pledge to spare the middle classes, and he considerably lowered his earlier threshold for higher rates of taxation, prompting sharp Wall Street falls. But, he said, the wealthy would be by far the hardest hit and he exhorted ordinary Americans to make their patriotic contribution to the nation's recovery and to join him in fighting the forces of greed and privilege.

He cast the coming battle in near-apocalyptic terms, likening himself to "past presidents who have challenged the nation from this office in times of crisis". He described his address as a "call to arms to restore the vitality of the American dream".

To tackle a federal deficit that had, he said, "roared out of control", Mr Clinton envisages roughly $500 billion (£352 billion) in tax increases and spending cuts over the next four years. The White House is portraying the plan as a do-or-die effort to reverse 12 years of reckless "Reaganomics" that have quadrupled America's debt and wrecked the nation's competitiveness. Polls show the public sharply divided over such bitter medicine.

With every congressman nervously facing re-election next year, Mr Clinton must rally the public to his cause in exactly the way that Ronald Reagan managed to bury congressional opposition in 1981 — although Mr Reagan had the advantage of proposing tax cuts. This is balanced, however, by the fact that Mr Clinton's party controls both houses of Congress.

The trade union movement has signalled its willingness to accept higher taxes, as long as they are fairly distributed; the Republicans have not. Senator Phil Gramm called the plan "raw pain" not "shared sacrifice", and Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said that the party would do its utmost to ensure that no taxes were raised until government spending had been cut to the bone. Mr Clinton's advisers had originally aimed to cut $2 in spending for every new dollar of revenue, but tonight's ratio is likely to be one for one.

Ross Perot's reaction to the plan is of critical importance. The Texan billionaire won 19 per cent of last November's presidential vote with his calls for economic austerity and he has since positioned himself as the nation's chief scourge of government profligacy. Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, has already briefed Mr Perot, and Mr Clinton, in his address on Monday night, appealed directly to Mr Perot's troops by embracing elements of the Texan's campaign philosophy.

Mr Clinton's greatest liability is that he promised to cut middle-class taxes during his own warm and fuzzy campaign, a problem he confronted with candour on Monday night. "I've worked harder than I've ever worked in my life" to avoid hurting the middle class, he said, "but I can't — because the deficit has increased so much beyond my earlier estimates".

Abandoning the word "sacrifice", with all its unpleasant connotations, Mr Clinton said he would have to ask all Americans to "contribute" to ensure the future prosperity of their country. The White House said yesterday that anyone earning more than $30,000 a year would end up paying higher taxes.

Mr Clinton promised that 70 per cent of the new taxes would be paid by the wealthy, who had benefited most from Reaganomics, but he redefined the rich to include anyone earning more than $100,000 a year. In the campaign he had used a household income of $200,000 as his benchmark.



Rallying point: Mr Clinton, seated at Kennedy's desk, pleading for the restoration of the American dream

☐ **Christopher hope:** Middle East leaders are unlikely to set a date for new peace talks in meetings over the next week with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, but he expressed hope yesterday that the stalled negotiations would begin again soon (Ian Brodie writes).

Mr Christopher said he was not expecting to win agreement for a resumption of the talks during his first overseas mission to Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Israel and possibly Lebanon.

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Bomb havoc: rescue workers searching for survivors of a car bomb that exploded near the Tequendama hotel in Bogotá on Monday. Four people died in this and another blast at a nearby shopping centre. Pablo Escobar, the fugitive drug baron, was blamed for both incidents

Eclipse puts Gore out of the limelight

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ONLY four weeks into the new US administration, Al Gore is suffering from the Incredible Shrinking Vice-President phenomenon.

A poll yesterday indicated that an extraordinary 44 per cent of Americans felt they did not know enough about Mr Gore to express an opinion. That was up from 33 per cent last month and only 14 per cent last October at the height of the election. Even worse for Mr Gore, Hillary Rodham Clinton's ratings are soaring.

The revival of her maiden name, the leadership of her husband's commission on health care and her acquisition of an office at the business end of the White House have combined to give her a 45 per cent favourable rating and 18 per cent unfavourable, according to the CBS/*New York Times* poll. By comparison, Barbara Bush, despite her later popularity, began at 34 per cent favourable and 3 per cent unfavourable.

Six in ten Americans appear to believe that Mrs Clinton is qualified for the health care task and that there is nothing inappropriate about the president appointing his wife to the post, despite rumblings of complaint by some Republicans.

Mr Gore, though, seems to be suffering from the so-called "Quayle effect". Dan Quayle's negative ratings never fell below his positive ones throughout his four years as George Bush's vice-president. At least Mr Gore has the consolation that among those who do have an opinion of him, 32 per cent are positive and only 12 per cent negative.

The new obscurity need not affect Mr Gore's eventual ability to bounce back and run for office, as Vice-President Bush proved. For now, though, Mr Gore is suffering from the eclipse that prompted John Nance Garner, the first of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's three vice-presidents, to describe the job as "not worth a pitcher of warm spit".

Britain and China edging closer to talks on reform

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

CHINA and Britain appear to be edging closer to renewed talks on political reforms proposed by Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, despite scepticism that either side is ready for compromise.

The *Oriental Daily News*, Hong Kong's biggest selling newspaper, predicted that London and Peking would announce the renewal of talks in the next three days. However, confusion remained rife as British officials stonewalled, their Chinese counterparts denied a change in Peking's position, and newspapers gave conflicting interpretations.

Peking's denials did little to dissuade the local stock market, which rallied enthusiastically for a second day on reports that a solution to the four-month Sino-British impasse over Hong Kong might be in the offing.

The Hang Seng Index fell sharply, rose sharply and fell again to close slightly higher as investors took profits quickly just in case anything went wrong to destroy the market's new-found political confidence, brokers said. Yet outside the stock market, the talks were seen as a Chinese stalling tactic to prevent Mr Patten's reforms being adopted by the colony's legislature.

Since Mr Patten proposed broadening the franchise for the Legislative Council last October, China has rejected any discussion of political reform in advance of its takeover of the colony in 1997. It has threatened to set up alternative government institutions, and blocked progress on the colony's ambitious new port and airport construction plans, in an attempt to get the proposals withdrawn.

Both sides' positions have become so entrenched that it would be hard for either to make concessions in public. However, local commentators say Mr Patten could not guarantee that any deal made in secret would be approved by the legislature.

The flurry of reports in local Chinese-language newspapers this week comes as the government is due to table the reform bill in the legislature by the end of the month. Unusually, although the governor's advisory executive council has endorsed the bill, Hong Kong has delayed official publication of the draft.

Instead a copy has been handed to the Chinese government by Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, apparently at China's request.

In response to the latest reports in Hong Kong's Chinese-language papers of a possible breakthrough, China has denied at the highest level that it is dropping its demand for Mr Patten to withdraw the proposals.

The Peking-owned media in Hong Kong, normally the best guide to China's thinking, warned "Hong Kong compatriots" not to be misled. *Wen Wei Po*, a mouthpiece for the People's Republic, said reports that China had softened its stance were a strategy to force Peking to accept the reforms as a fait accompli.

Mr Patten, back at work after a heart operation earlier this month, refused to respond to reporters after an executive council meeting yesterday. British and Hong Kong officials also remained tight-lipped but Edward Chen, a non-government member of the Executive Council, at least acknowledged that something might be afoot.



Patten: copy of plan handed to Chinese

With councillors sworn to secrecy about their discussions, Mr Chen refused to say whether the bill might be delayed before it went to the Legislative Council pending Sino-British diplomatic talks. "If there are talks between both sides, it is a well-known stance of the Hong Kong government and the British government to talk with the Chinese, so it is possible that the timetable could be a flexible one," he said.

The government had confirmed only last week that the draft legislation would be published by the end of this month. But Mike Hanson, Mr Patten's spokesman, declined comment last night when asked if the deadline still stood.

In another development, *Wen Wei Po* announced in a full-page advertisement yesterday that it was to publish a critical study of the fall of the British empire. The 175-page book, *How Britain Withdrew from its Colonies*, will go on sale this week with big discounts for bulk orders, it reported. The Peking-funded paper said the book portrayed British efforts to its vested interests in India, Pakistan, Cyprus, and the former African colonies. "It will help readers understand the facts of the Hong Kong debate."

Jackson joins fast over HIV ban

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE Rev Jesse Jackson has gone on hunger strike in an effort to persuade President Clinton to honour his campaign pledge to lift the ban on foreigners infected with HIV entering America.

Mr Jackson, who started a water-only fast on Sunday, said he might launch a nationwide fast over the ban, imposed by President Bush, if it was not reversed in a week.

Last weekend, Mr Jackson met 15 of the 267 Haitians being held at the US naval base at Guantánamo in Cuba who have been denied entry to the US because they are HIV-positive. Many of the refugees, who were picked up from makeshift boats bound for the US, are also on hunger strike. "We will not drink water," they said in a written statement handed to Mr Jackson, "now we are at the point where we see that the only solution is to put our lives in the hands of God."

Mr Jackson said on Monday: "The Haitians at Guantánamo are facing desperation and death. I am fasting with them in an attempt to touch the hearts of our leadership."

During the election campaign, Mr Clinton promised to allow foreigners infected with the virus that causes Aids to enter the country, but since he took office he has done nothing to change the policy.

Academic insiders shape policy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

TODAY is State of the Union day, and President Clinton will have to come clean on the issue that has tantalised Washington for the past few weeks: the question of middle-class tax rises.

The derailed proposals have been worked out by a small group of economists and policy makers in the White House who share the president's view that it was government that got America into the mess, and it is government that will have to get America out.

Together they worked out the new spending commitments, the budget cuts and the tax rises, dollar by dollar, and drew up the various scenarios between which the president decided.

During these meetings it became clear that some advisers were more influential than others. The thrust behind the president's economic policy bears all the hallmarks of a group of academics, mostly inside this circle of advisers, with some on the outside. Towering over them all is Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of the president's council of economic advisers and the president's chief economist. Ms Tyson, 46, who was a professor of economics at Berkeley, has made her name in the field of microeconomics.

The other academic who has the president's ear is Robert Reich, labour secretary. Ms Tyson and Mr Reich have in common a distaste for neo-classic Reaganite economics, and both fervently believe in government help for hi-tech industries. What they have disagreed on, at least in the past, is the issue of trade. Mr Reich is a free-trader.

The great co-ordinator of all the economic policies is Robert Rubin, head of the National Economic Council, a new institution and economic policy mirror image of the National Security Council. His power is ultimately one of influence and proximity to the president.

Tea time lasts for ever as Sahara exiles languish

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN TINDOUF

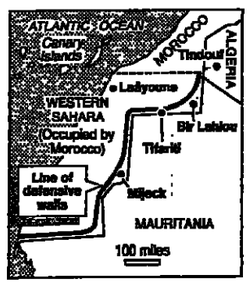
SALMA, 16, has spent all her life in one of the Saharawi refugee camps in a remote corner of the Algerian Sahara. Her family fled across the border from Western Sahara in 1975, when Morocco marched into the territory. Since then they have lived under canvas near Tindouf, coping with scorching summers and bitterly cold winters. Now Salma's newly born daughter faces a similar future.

For 16 years, Morocco and the Polisario Front have been fighting for control of Western Sahara, a barren strip of land along the west coast of Africa. A United Nations referendum on the future of the former Spanish colony should have been held a year ago to allow the Saharawis to choose between independence or integration with Morocco. But the UN peace plan is deadlocked over voting lists.

According to Polisario, there are about 165,000 Saharawis in Algerian refugee camps. Most live in tents provided by international donors, using bottled gas for cooking and lighting. The tents are neatly arranged in lines broken up by small mud huts which serve as kitchens. The refugees have resisted the temptation to put down roots by building more permanent accommodation.

"The tent is a symbol for us," said Bechir Mhedi, a Polisario official. "It represents the hope that one day we will be able to return to our homeland."

Life in the camps revolves around tea-drinking. The Saharawis say there are three vital ingredients for a good cup of tea — people, time and wood. Nowadays the water is heated by gas rather than wood, but the other ingredients remain unchanged. For the Saharawis tea-drinking is an important social event and they never serve fewer than three cups at a time.



The camps are well organised and divided into districts. Local committees are responsible for handing out food from the UN and other international bodies. Supplies of sugar, beans, flour, milk powder and other essentials are brought in once a month by truck over dirt tracks across the hard, stony desert. But the aid is not enough and the Saharawis have supplemented these supplies by cultivating the desert. Circled by 6ft mud-brick walls, vegetable gardens yield onions, carrots and potatoes in winter and melons in summer.

"I was surprised at how much can be grown in the desert," said Baba Efdid, who studied agriculture in Spain and Cuba. Most of the fresh vegetables are used to supplement the diet of the young. Adults are outnumbered by children, who run around the camp in ill-fitting hand-me-downs. "We are the smallest people in the region and have been at war since 1975. We urge families to have as many children as they can," said Mr Mhedi.

Saharawi families often have as many as seven children, but some babies do not survive the harsh desert life. One family said that three of their seven children had died, the oldest at four. Most of the patients at the main hospital are children, but the lack of lavatories puts everyone at risk.

There are few men in the camps. Most are across the frontier in Western Sahara, serving in the 15,000-strong Polisario army. For 18 months there has been a lull in the fighting, after the introduction of a UN-sponsored ceasefire. The Polisario fighters, mostly in their twenties, also spend the day drinking tea and keeping the sand out of their old Kalashnikov rifles.

Polisario says it controls about a third of Western Sahara. At the military base of Bir Lahlou, 150 miles inside the territory, there is little optimism about the UN peace plan. "There has been too much fighting," said Ali Salem Abd el-Salhaq, 22. "But we are ready to take up arms again if the peace plan fails."

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The police have a panoply of techniques at their fingertips. **Stewart Tendler** and **Ronald Faux** report

Anatomy of a child murder hunt



HOURS after the disappearance of James Bulger, left, last weekend, Merseyside detectives were already storing their first witness statements and descriptions on the special computer designed by the Home Office for important investigations. The two-year-old was then officially still a missing child, not a murder victim, but no one takes chances. Seasoned detectives have a simple rule of thumb. If there are no strong leads or suspects in the first few days the case may be long and hard.

The urgency will not have been lost on Det Supt Albert Kirby, who is heading the Bulger investigation. The murder scene is still fresh. The memories of witnesses are clear. Publicity is at its zenith, prompting a flow of information and putting pressure on the murderer(s).

Merseyside police, according to a report by the inspector of constabulary published yesterday, achieved a 100 per cent detection rate for murder in 1991, the latest figures available, despite a rise of 27 per cent in killings. Now the force faces the challenge of a case which must rank as one of the worst seen in any British city. Special profile techniques may suggest the type of person who killed the boy and forensic science may be able to corroborate the strength of any suspicion. The task for the police is to scour the middle ground.

Yesterday the force had committed 150 officers to the case, 5 per cent of the force's patrol and CID manpower. Using an array of techniques, both simple and technical, Mr Kirby, a veteran of other child crime cases on Merseyside, is exploiting everything in his armoury.



Caught on camera: police are relying on this video-still, and others, to help them to identify the boys seen leading James Bulger from the Strand shopping centre



Ralph Bulger: James's father



Poster appeal: police seek help

PHONE LINES

SINCE the setting up of the incident room at Marsh Lane police station in Bootle, Merseyside, last Sunday, thousands of calls have been taken from members of the public on the original telephone number, 051-777 2655. Yesterday another number also came into operation — 051-777 6488 — making available more than eight lines. Police set up help lines very quickly in murder investigations, aware that very often people may not want to be seen talking to the police. Hoaxes are often very easy to spot and are not widespread. The Rachel Nickell case, for example, has produced very few.

Help lines have been proved to catch offenders, and the Crimestoppers system borrowed from America, whereby people ring in anonymously and offer information in return for a reward, has a good track record for lesser crimes such as burglary.

Officers working on the banks of computers and telephone lines in Merseyside will log every call, gather the information received and enter it into a computer; the Merseyside force says it has not had such an overwhelming response from the public since the 1985 Heysel football stadium disaster when 39 people died.

But yesterday afternoon officers were still waiting for "the one call" that would lead them positively to the two boys, who police believe will be able to help them with their enquiries, seen with James in the Strand shopping centre in Bootle last Friday afternoon. In this case, the police may find it difficult to pick up information from among juveniles.

The police effort has been intensified over the past 48 hours with 30 officers in the incident room working round the clock.

STATEMENTS AND ENQUIRIES

POLICE started making street enquiries around the area of the Bootle shopping centre very soon after James disappeared.

On the discovery of the boy's body, street enquiries began in the Walton area. Enquiries at local schools have been hampered by the half-term holiday this week but more than 100 schools in the Bootle-Walton area are being targeted and staff asked to co-operate by disclosing the names of children who were absent last Friday. Truancy runs at a high rate on Merseyside and there is a practice by some pupils of registering for afternoon school before absconding.

Every household in the area around the railway embankment where James's body was found has been visited twice by police officers and householders and shopkeepers interviewed. Hundreds of statements have been taken and are being collated in the incident room where they will be categorised as to value and source and put on to the computer.

Police have also visited the video game arcades near the Strand centre, popular with young people who hang around there. Police say that a lot of petty theft takes place in the shopping precinct to finance an addiction for the computer games available in the arcade. Two boys were reported to have accosted an elderly woman in the Strand centre earlier on Friday.

PRESS CONFERENCES

SO FAR there have been four press conferences, the most recent two headed by Det Supt Kirby who is leading the investigation. The aim has been to increase the pressure on the boys to come forward, or persuade whoever is guarding them to contact the authorities.

Press conferences are now an important part of the detection process and are used very early on in an investigation. All senior CID or uniform officers receive national training in how to work with the press and use them, including lectures from working reporters.

Police consider the presence of a close relative of a missing or murdered person as very valuable because it guarantees media interest and therefore wider publicity. James's father appeared at a press conference last Saturday while his son was still missing. Since the boy's body was found, only one member of the family has been produced at a press conference. John Bulger, uncle of James, appeared briefly at yesterday's press conference appealing for help to find the murderer, thanking the public for their response and describing James's family as devastated by what had happened.

Very rarely have these appeals produced anything from the criminals but they might reach someone who is close to them.

REWARDS

REWARDS for information can be a strong incentive, especially in areas such as Bootle where there is high unemployment. In the Bulger case, rewards for information leading to the conviction of James's murder were offered after the boy's body was found. These presently total more than £40,000 and include £20,000 from the *Daily Star* and £10,000 from the head of a Liverpool building company and various other contributions from members of the public.

RECONSTRUCTION

THE possibility of a reconstruction of James's abduction has not been ruled out. Reconstructions are now commonly held after important incidents; it is thought to be the television and newspaper publicity that a reconstruction creates that brings forward more information rather than the reconstruction itself.

Many volunteers have offered to help in a reconstruction of James's disappearance, and police officers with youngsters answering James's description has said they will be happy for them to take part. If no further leads to the two boys wanted for questioning emerge this week then it is likely a reconstruction will be held. With such a weight of helpful publicity sweeping the enquiry along, detectives feel that a reconstruction at this stage could waste a device that would be useful should the investigation become bogged down.

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILING

OFFENDER profiling was used in the 1980s to provide a picture of John Duffy, the "railway rapist" who killed three women in the home counties. David Canter, a professor of applied psychology at Surrey University, last year launched a degree course in investigative psychology. The study and collection of data on offenders and their behaviour has led to the arrest of rapists and murderers both in Britain and America. Research is under way into the background of 80 murderers, 200 child sex abusers and serial killers.

Research has been carried out by various criminologists on juvenile offenders in general, but there is nothing on child murderers nor is there any psychological offender profiling for juveniles.

Professor Canter believes that profiling is only part of the value of psychology to policing. His course teaches police officers decision-making, interview techniques and data management. Too often, Professor Canter says, the public thinks of policemen looking for motives as a way of finding suspects. In reality detection is more complicated, and sophisticated tools are required to get someone into court. Professor Canter believes it is quite possible to charge an offender without understanding the reason for the crime.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

BY NOW the first reports from the scene of crime officers, the pathologist and the forensic science laboratory have arrived on the desk of Det Supt Kirby, who is heading the investigation. The pathologist's report will give time of death, cause of death and method of inflicting death. Any wounds or bruising might indicate the age, height and maturity of the attacker(s). There could also be indications of whether the murderer(s) might have been blood-stained or scratched by the child. Evidence of skin or blood would go to the forensic science laboratory.

Scene of crime officers will have photographed the area where the body was found and collected anything of possible significance. The soil round the body was sifted and the track examined. Police have already displayed a set of batteries and a small tin of paint which they link to the dead boy. Both could yield fingerprints. Body fluids such as saliva or blood left by the attacker(s) may be in sufficient amounts to provide a DNA identification which can be matched with a suspect.

The boy's clothing and body may reveal pieces of fabric from the clothing of his attackers which can be matched later microscopically. Forensic science laboratories now keep an extensive index of textiles used or imported into Britain. In a serial rape investigation in the 1980s, scientists were able to make successful matches between a suspect's clothes and material left on victims.

VIDEO CAMERAS

VIDEO pictures have been a vital and unexpected source of information in the investigation into James's murder. Detectives believe that someone must now know the identity of the two boys seen with James and pictured in the blurred security camera images that have been used on scores of posters in the Bootle and Walton areas. Hours of tapes taken on the security cameras at the Strand shopping centre have been examined and have allowed detectives to plot James's movements down to the second that he left the shopping complex.

Another security camera, located on the outside wall of a building company on the route to Walton village where James's body was found, has provided the police with further pictures of James with the two boys. This video film, with stills taken every three seconds, is being "computer enhanced" in the hope of improving the quality of the images. This video shows in the background three girls and a man near a junction at Hawthorn Road and police have appealed for them to come forward.

Merseyside police says that the difference between the original images and the enhanced onces is quite remarkable. "From them we should be able to get a better description of the boys' clothing and hopefully anyone who knows them will more easily recognise them," a police spokesman said.

THE COMPUTER

MATERIAL from the scene, the mortuary and the laboratory will come together in the storage discs of the Home Office computer. Dubbed Holmes (Home Office large major enquiry system), the computer is used by every force in the country to find suspects. Capable of holding 100 million words, the system allows the creation of very large indexes which can be instantly cross-referred.

The Holmes system allows the police to identify key witnesses, reconstruct scenes and pinpoint missing witnesses who have not come forward. In the Merseyside case detectives are likely to look at local intelligence on juvenile offenders such as shoplifters, drug abusers and thieves. Inside Holmes may be the identity of the two boys seen with James who police believe will be able to help them with their enquiries.

Much of the key material entered on the computer has already been passed to Don Dovaston, the assistant chief constable of Derbyshire, who runs a national database on 4,000 child murders going back to 1960. The system, known as Catchem (Central Analytical Team Collating Homicide Expertise and Management), offers a general profile of possible killers and suggests avenues of investigation. Every team dealing with a child killing must now fill in a 230-question form which is examined by Catchem officers. Data can pinpoint age, gender and details such as the distance the attacker lived from the murder scene.



Fresh clue: police examine clothing found on the track where James Bulger's body was discovered

When in Rome expect a few surprises

Britain's would-be Anglo-Catholics may find the grass is no greener

God operates mysteriously, and the latest move towards union between Roman Catholics and Anglicans has, in the words of Cardinal Hume, "come upon us in an unexpected way".

In a statement issued on Monday, Cardinal Hume makes clear he has been listening carefully to those Anglicans who feel that, once women are ordained, they will not be able to remain within the Church of England, and that he is keen to explore with them "the possibility of full communion with the Holy See".

What he is thought to mean is that some version of the "Roman option", whereby whole Anglican parishes would move over to Rome may soon be put into practice.

"What we imagine this would mean," says Father Raglan Hay-Will, Catholic Chaplain at Sussex University, "is that they would promise a certain respect for the Pope's spiritual authority, without going so far as to say they would be bound by him in every tiny detail."

The Cardinal is clear that the way forward "will be for the Holy Father to decide", and his spokesmen are keen to point out that his plans are in the very early stages: "The Bishops have not yet discussed how exactly this will work," says Mgr Philip Carroll, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. "Nor will they until they meet in the week after Easter. Even then, all they can do is make a recommendation to Rome, for Rome to decide."

The desire to dampen speculation is understandable. If the "Roman option" does come into force it is likely to open something of a Pandora's Box. For those Anglican vicars who want to convert and be re-ordained within the Catholic Church there will, as Mgr Carroll points out, be financial problems: "At the moment we have a trickle of married Anglican vicars each year who decide to convert and then to become priests within the Catholic Church.

"They tend to be given jobs as hospital or prison chaplains, because these come with some sort of salary with which they can look after their families. But we couldn't provide such jobs in huge numbers."

Those, meanwhile, who wanted to come into "communion with Rome" without being re-ordained, would pose a different problem. In his Papal Bull of 1898, which has remained the official Catholic position ever since, Pope Leo XIII declared that Anglican orders were "absolutely null and utterly void".

For Bill Oddie, the journalist and broadcaster who became a Catholic just over two years ago, all these difficulties do not add up to a moment's doubt that the "Roman option" is well on its way. "Anglican bishops shoot their mouths off at any opportunity," he says, "but Catholic bishops don't talk like this without things being pretty far down the road. I have been privy to what's been going on behind the scenes. I know that this thing is a goer."

As with the 15 episcopalian parishes in America which are in communion with Rome but have retained the Book of Common Prayer, Mr Oddie believes that the Anglican parishes which come over to Rome will continue to worship with their own traditional liturgy. "It will enable Anglicans who feel drawn to Rome, but who are at the same time attached to the traditions of worship with which they have grown up, to bypass the cultural hump which has kept many of them away from the Catholic church. At the same time it will satisfy the numerous Catholics who would like a more Anglican liturgy."

Meanwhile, Anglican vicars favour the "Roman option", are all ready to go. For example, the Rev Geoffrey Kirk, at St Stephen's Church, Lewisham, has his move well planned. "I doubt," he says, "whether my parishioners and I will be able to take anything with us from the Church of England coffers, but I hope we'll be able to hang on to our parish church.

"If it were left with the Church of England, it would simply become yet another of their redundant buildings." Of his 120 communicants, he says only two feel unsure about moving over to communion with Rome.

Perhaps he should be less hasty in his enthusiasm. John Wilkins, editor of the Catholic weekly, *The Tablet*, points to the last sentence of Hume's statement: "He says that the Holy See will be sympathetic towards those *'who wish to accept the authority of the Holy Father'*. I think he is trying to point out to Anglo-Catholics who imagine they can have union with Rome without total acceptance of Papal authority that their circle simply cannot be squared."

Fr Hay-Will, meanwhile, suspects that the grass on the other side of the Tiber may not be as green as the Anglo-Catholics believe. "They think Catholicism will provide a safe haven free of all the dangerous liberal views they have had to live with in the Church of England. They are in for a shock when they find that the Catholic Church is full of priests, like myself, who believe, among other things, that women should most certainly be ordained."

MAGGIE PARHAM



Welcome: Cardinal Hume has been listening

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Nicola Jeal meets Nick Moss, 16, Versace model from Croydon

Are there any more at home like him?



GLEN LUCHFORD

Moss: a bit scrawny, his mother thinks — and not quite tall enough to rub shoulders with the female supermodels

When the greatest fashion photographer of the 20th century was lured out of semi-retirement by one of the most successful and talented fashion designers of the late 20th century to shoot the advertising campaign for his spring collection, money was no object. Richard Avedon, the photographer, and Gianni Versace, the designer, hired the best.

Not one, not two, but eight supermodels cavorted around man-made sandhills in a New York studio. It was a conception so immaculate that glossy magazines that are paid four-figure sums — per page — to run such advertisments, printed them on their editorial pages.

There was, however, one unknown face glaring out from the pictures. Squeezed in between Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, Linda Evangelista, Stephanie Seymour, Aya, Shalom, Kristen McMenamy and Kate Moss was a schoolboy from Purley, near Croydon. Sixteen-year-old Nick Moss, brother of Kate, was flown to New York for an experience many his age dream about.

It is fair to say that the teenager had an unfair advantage being related to the modelling world's current hottest property. Ms Moss's boyfriend, Mario Sorrenti, the male model turned fashion photographer, first put Nick Moss in front of the lens less than a year ago.

Mr Sorrenti was not the only one who thought the then 15-year-old had looks that could sell designer products. Sarah Doukas from Storm model agency, who signed up Kate Moss, instantly put him on her books.

Soon Nick Moss's face was appearing in *Interview*, *The Face*, *Vogue Homme*, and *Harper's Bazaar* magazines. He was chosen by another superstar photographer, Bruce Weber, for a campaign by Banana Republic (an upmarket American label). And this month he trooped out on the catwalks at the menswear collections in Paris.

The teenager who walked into the Croydon Park Hotel last Sunday with his father, Peter Moss, a consultant in the travel industry, was hung over but not tired of the attention. The day before he had been to Calais "for fun" with his friends and had drunk too much beer; this morning he had played in a football match, and had gulped down his Sunday lunch in time to keep his appointment.

Master Moss, though not nondescript, is not likely to turn heads even along Purley high street. What he does possess is the Moss Factor — that certain look that is fashionable now; an adolescent figure and ungroomed appearance — equal parts innocence and streetwise attitude.

> 'He's not conventionally handsome, nor is he a hunk, but he has the "now" look'

Glen Luchford, the photographer who shot Nick Moss for *Interview* magazine (wearing a pink fake fur coat), thinks Moss's looks "are an acquired taste — he is quite odd-looking which is the look of the moment". Sarah Doukas of Storm agrees. "He's not conventionally handsome, nor is he a hunk, but he has the 'now' look. All the international male-model agencies are clamouring to get him on to their books."

Nick Moss has become wary. He recounts with indignation the time, a couple of months ago, when a tabloid photographer stopped him at 8.45am outside the school gates. The bleary-eyed schoolboy, dressed in the regulation uniform, was asked: "Are you Nick Moss?"

"Before I had time to reply he shoved a camera in my face," says the teenager fiddling with the elastic band that holds his past-shoulder-length hair in a pigtail. He would like to get his hair cut short, but "the agency think it's better this length". They're right. The cropped look is *out* — long hair for male models is an asset that can deposit hundreds in the bank for one modelling assignment.

Male models have yet to break into the highly lucrative levels of the female supermodel. Full-time male models who work consistently can make between £60,000 to £100,000 a year, but these are a rare breed. The competition is fierce. Even though the number of male designer fashion and beauty products has increased tenfold, the figure is still tiny compared with those targeted at female consumers.

Out of the limelight in the Croydon Park Hotel, Nick Moss wears a fashionably oversized leather flying jacket, a black polo neck, matching jeans cinched at the waist with a silver buckle belt and chunky tan leather lace-ups.

His headsheet, the printed card that Storm model agency distributes in New York, Paris, Milan and London, states that he has a 34 in chest, a 30 in waist, shoe size 8½, brown hair and brown eyes. When asked his height, he refers to the measurement on his card — "It says I am five foot nine and a half... and I'm still growing."

That would have made him shorter than at least half of Versace's supermodels, although two inches taller than his sister. So what was the supermodel experience like?

"Well, when I arrived at the New York studio, Kate hadn't turned up yet. I was just with all *those* girls. I was very nervous. Some of them were really nice. Some were a bit bitchy." Stephanie Seymour, supermodel and girlfriend of Axl Rose of Guns n' Roses — "she's got a bracelet tattooed around her ankle" — was his favourite. He rolls his eyes and laughs, "she's gorgeous".

Not long ago, Nick Moss wanted to become a superstar on the football pitch. As far as his father is concerned, his son still has the potential to become a professional footballer but perhaps no longer the dedication and commitment.

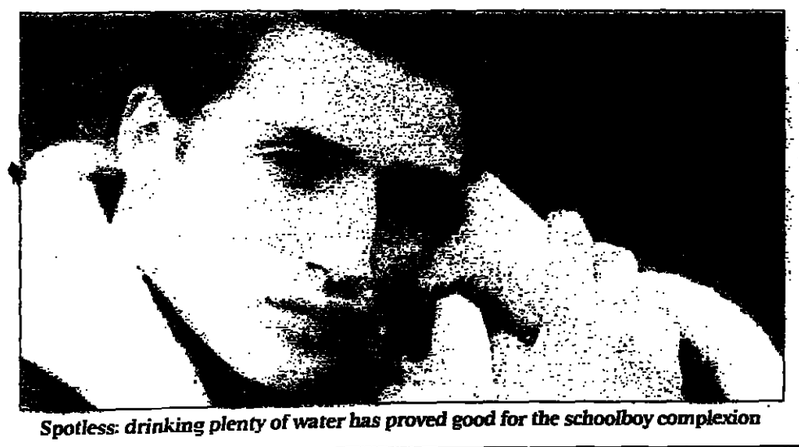
"He doesn't like me to push him too hard," he says with some regret. "I mean a career in male modelling is not as easy as female modelling is it? He needs something to fall back on."

His son is taking six GCSEs this June and had planned to go to college. Now he's not sure. What he is positive about is "drinking plenty of water" to keep his skin looking "nice" — "I'm lucky, I don't get spots". He says his mother suggested, after seeing her son's chest in the Versace advert, that perhaps he might take up bodybuilding. "She said I looked fine, but needed a bit more meat on me," he says.

His friends do take the mickey out of him, but only mildly. His fellow fifth formers at Riddlesdown High School know what this modelling lark can lead to. Kate Moss is their most famous former pupil.

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Spotless: drinking plenty of water has proved good for the schoolboy complexion

Beware of the bumps



SARAH MOWER

I've been putting off writing about this, but since the truth can no longer be concealed, I might as well admit it: I'm pregnant. Now, this is not a very original state to be in, since there are dozens of women, including half the staff of *Vogue* magazine, floating seraphically round the fashion business showing off their bumps at this moment. I am not one of them. Not when it comes to seraphic smiles and showing off, I'm not. Me, I'd much rather hide.

The trouble is, I am not *fashionably* pregnant. I do not live up to the new image of pregnancy that is propounded everywhere. Many people go round saying that things are so much better for pregnant women these days — it's not a disease, you can be fit and energetic, wear colourful clothes and carry on working right up to the last minute, just as if nothing's happening! You can do exercise classes for the whole nine months! You will look marvellous! People will congratulate you on how you look!

> Doesn't anyone know: real women get pregnant all over?

This is the trendy idea of pregnancy lib. But there is a down-side, a big down-side, if you ask me. The point is, none of the above benefits applies unless you also look like a beanpole with a lump on it. Pregnancy is no longer a holiday from looks-anxiety in the way it used to be, say, in the 1950s, when you just had to wear a smock and get on with it. OK, there wasn't the variety of clothes to choose from then — my mother says she sobbed at the lack — but I don't think women then were expected to be slim and glamorous *and* pregnant. Allowances were made for exhaustion and needing to eat half a chocolate cake at one sitting.

Just think of it: they even called their antenatal instruction *relaxation* classes! We should be so lucky: what we get is the Jane Fonda pregnancy workout video and the sickeningly trim Demi Moore looming at us from the front cover of *Vanity Fair*.

But the popular press is full of subtle tortures. I never thought I'd warm to Amanda de Cadenet, but I did when she became decently plump during her pregnancy — and from the photographs, looked as if she didn't give a damn. She's the exception. Otherwise, what you get is pictures of models and pop stars in short, tight, black lycra dresses — Yasmin Le Bon, Angie Richmond, Yazz, Neneh Cherry, Jody Watley — with just the bit in their middles sticking out. This is not fair. Doesn't anyone know that real women get pregnant *all over*?

When you're pregnant, you notice, too, how every interview with a woman celebrity who is expecting, or has recently given birth, includes an interrogation about her weight. Incredibly, she answers, too. *Hello!* is my favourite culprit. The right reply, of course, is as little as possible, even if that means (according to my pregnancy books) far too little. Patsy Kensit was the best example: *Hello!* photographed her wafting around Cliveden at eight months pregnant and reported enthusiastically how tiny she was. They also happened to mention that she had had to have an emergency appendectomy a couple of months earlier. So she'd been dangerously ill? Never mind — at least she'd avoided the worst thing, fat.

Probably the only good publicity the Duchess of York ever got was when she lost weight after having her second baby — but then again, nobody knows how many women newspaper readers hated her for it. You see, you *do* begin to hold it against journalists who have no scruples about giving their ruthless opinions about how in shape a woman is the second she emerges from the maternity hospital. Worse, you also hold it against women who submit to cross-questioning on the subject. I was ready to give Fiona Armstrong a go until I read her simpering on about only putting on a stone or something while pregnant. Never mind the F-factor — for me, that was how to lose respect in one move.

Call me old-fashioned, but I think a woman's pregnant weight should be a private matter between her and her consultant. I also think our culture, should, literally, give us a break when we most need it. Because of paltry maternity leave arrangements in this country, most of us will be forced to struggle uncomfortably on in the public gaze, feeling increasingly vulnerable and undignified and putting up with comments about hugeness from workmates, until the last possible moment before labour. This is said to be progress. Personally, I would rather go backwards.

Imagine the chance to withdraw from the rude world and, like a heroine in an Edwardian novel, recline unseen all day on a chaise longue when pregnancy reaches its ridiculous farthest limits. To me, that *would* be bliss.

Ideas that stand out from the pack

Artists have come up trumps in their ingenious designs for new playing cards, soon on display at the V & A

Exactly why Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways should team up with the Victoria & Albert museum to sponsor a design competition for a new deck of playing cards is something of a mystery. But Mr Branson has always been the joker in the corporate pack, and can be imagined relishing his role as one of the judges.

Last September the brief went out to Britain's art schools and colleges to come up with four original designs: a number card, a court card, a Joker and a card-back, the only constriction being that the internationality of Virgin Atlantic should somehow be suggested. From the 1,400 entries 54 winners have been selected, the original artwork going on show next week at the V & A, alongside a selection of cards from their vast collection dating back to the 15th century.

The level of wit and imagination displayed by the winners, as well as the quality of the art, is high — although it must be said that actually *playing* with the cards would be a dizzying experience. They will be enjoyed by professional gamblers and cheats, for how could any opponent possibly concentrate on his game while being distracted by the seven of hearts masquerading as the Sydney Opera House or a photomontage of five proudly pregnant naked women being radiant all over the five of clubs (in the club — geddit?).

There are quite a few visual puns as well as recognisable people (Elvis being pelvic on the king of hearts) but, consciously or not, such designers are carrying on a noble tradition in the history of playing-card art. The experts tell us that playing cards originated in China — or maybe India, or possibly Arabia — around AD 600, or AD 800, or conceivably later.

We do know that the pack with which we are all familiar first appeared in Europe in the 15th century, and that the jack of diamonds, for instance, was meant to be Sir Lancelot — whereas the king of diamonds was not his father, as one might have expected, but Julius Caesar (and who — unlike the three other kings — carries an axe instead of a sword). The king of diamonds in this new pack is the overall winner of the court card category, earning Maria Constant, its designer, £400; here our traditionally bewigged and moustachioed king holds neither axe nor sword but playing cards — and he is comfortably ensconced in an airline seat, complete with Virgin logo. The logo was not mandatory, but nearly a fifth of the winning entries use it.

For the overall winners, the judges — Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, the V & A's director, Sue Lambert, curator of prints, drawings and paintings, and the designer Rodney Fitch, as well as Mr Branson himself — have preferred the traditional to the experimental. Eri Kimura's elegant painting of a Japanese lady distributing red diamonds — very much in the style of Hokusai — won the best number card prize.



Left to right: the court card winner, the best number card, and the court card runner-up

For his accomplished and amusing joker card Rod Waters was one of two overall winners, whose prize is £1,000, a design commission and a return flight to New York. Nicholas Steel is the other recipient for his ingenious card-back — a rich assemblage of the four suits in three-dimensional form, covered in and backed by examples of William Morris fabrics, of which the V & A has the greatest collection. The pack goes on sale next week, in a limited edition of 6,000, at £9.95.

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Alan Coren



■ I am off to lay siege to our village post office with all sorts and conditions of men

The trouble with civil war is that common cause can saddle you with iffy ideological bedfellows. There may be any number of reasons for, say, not liking the cut of Franco's jib, and there you are, lustily dragging your 12-pounder along the Ebro for the greater glory of the International Labour Party, only to discover during a fag-break that the rest of the gun-crew comprises a Stalinist, an unreconstructed Menshevik, an Anarcho-Syndicalist, a Trotskyite, a Wobblie, a Basque Separatist, two apolitical Glaswegian mercenaries, and an American novelist with a fat advance. Not only do you not wish to die for these people, you do not even wish to die with these people, never mind it being quite on the cards that you might actually die of these people. Orwell, for example, was never certain who it was who shot him in the throat, but a lot of smart money was laid on it having been an unemployed riveter who had marched from Jarrow to Catalonia and joined the International Brigade for the sole purpose of plugging Old Etonians.

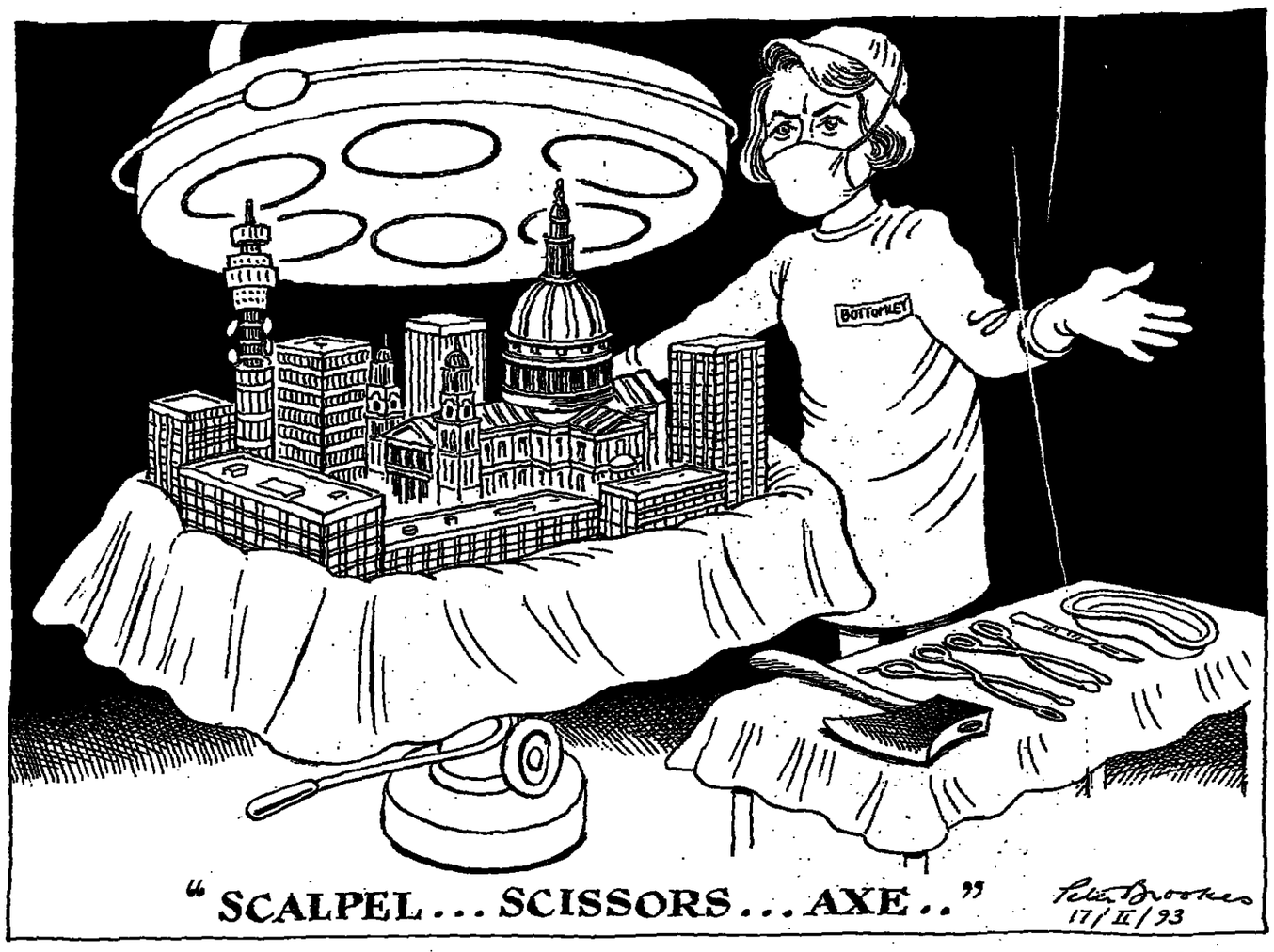
Well, today Barcelona, tomorrow Cricklewood, as those at the barricades all but used to cry, and that tomorrow has become this today. For the village seethes with insurrection, it has taken, quite literally, to the streets, and I have just been invited to set my affairs in order, kiss my wife goodbye, and join revolutionary forces with all sorts and conditions of men who are marching off to lay siege to — get this — the local post office. And the summons is irresistible, not least because Cricklewood is hardly less Irish than Dublin, so that attacking the post office has a singularly stirring resonance: when I last visited the Ould Sod, you could still see the pockmarks in the breasts of the O'Connell Street caryatids.

But there is, of course, more to it than that (even here, we require a better excuse than mere nostalgia to knock over public buildings) and the fact is that the Cricklewood Broadway Crown Post Office, to give it the title Her Majesty gave it when she graciously permitted it to set out its stall in 1955, has announced its intention to close on April 21, and — here is a phrase for which God gave man italics — *reopen for business inside the Food Giant hypermarket in Cricklewood Lane!*

Stone me, you cry, I can see why he would be prepared to sell his life dearly to stop that happening. Because once the post office has disappeared into the maw of that vast emporiopolis, then one more nail will have been driven into what the Broadway shopping street it has betrayed is rapidly becoming. I do not use the word emporiopolis lightly (who would?): Food Giant has not merely 55,000 sq ft of shopping, it has cafés, it has crèches, it has, since it opened a year ago, become a rendezvous and a leisure centre, and if it gobbles our post office, as both service and bait, then it will seduce yet more of the Broadway's dwindling clientèle, yet more little shops will disappear behind estate agents' forlorn escutcheons and fly-posters for Snotrag Gestapo gigs. And what might follow? Will Food Giant attract, as other hypermarkets have, opticians, chiropodists, banks? And who can swear, in this off-hiving age, that it might not one day incorporate a surgery, a job-centre, a kindergarten, a nick? It will have not merely transformed Cricklewood, it will have transmogrified it. I shall be living in Foodgiant.

That is why I shall be marching; hollering, as my invitation from the campaign committee suggests, "No to the destruction of the Cricklewood community!" My only unease is that already signed up to march alongside me are local MPs Ken Livingstone, Glenda Jackson, and John Marshall. Good on them, but if we consider their politics for a moment, we recall that John is the Tory who recently suggested that the teenage rapist who copped a fine of £500 should instead have been given "a damned good hiding" *(Hansard)*, thereby simultaneously putting everybody on his side and taking them off it, and that Ken and Glenda are, well, Ken and Glenda. There are, I suspect, a fair number of different axes being ground here, but only one of them is mine.

Which is why I tell all this today. Should I, tomorrow, cop a terminal one in the throat, I want you to know that I fell as a, well, sort of a Liberal Democrat, really.



Doing out statistics

Had the government truly cared about unemployment it would not have given itself yet another pay rise this week

Simon Jenkins

Three-million-jobless week is here again and with it the season of unparalleled hypocrisy. Every politician will profess a desire to cut the total. They will not mean it. Of all the obscenities of a free society, none is greater than unemployment. Yet none is greeted with more cynicism.

The figures mean nothing, mere dribblings from Whitehall's witch doctors. The definition of unemployment has changed 30 times since 1979, almost three times a year. That officials can imply a trend line through such juju shows is astonishing. Norman Lamont and Sir Terry Burns might as well be dressed in grass skirts and prance round Parliament Square chanting "dem dry bones".

What does "claiming benefit and available for work" tell us of unemployment when hundreds of thousands do not register or, for that matter, register and then do some form of work? What kind of figure gives London a higher percentage unemployed than Yorkshire, Lancashire or the Midlands? This week the south east will see a million "jobless", a third of the national total. The government's 1988 London labour market survey showed that a large minority of London's unemployed were, in effect, voluntary. Even today, to be jobless in London must be a wholly different concept from in Liverpool or Sunderland.

The Labour party claims to know that far more are out of work than the figures show. How? Statistics that are this naive tell us nothing useful. They are a function of the registration system, women's propensity to work, the level of benefit and the method of claiming. Trends in such shifting totals are near to meaningless, international comparisons are utterly so (yet the OECD in Paris still churns them out and newspapers still publish them).

All I will accept is that in among the "voluntary" unemployed, the workshy and those who know how to con the system are millions of desperate victims of recession and technological change, trapped in an inflexible labour market and by deflationary monetary policies. These millions will be briefly feted on parade this week. Saluting them on the rostrum will be the panjandrums of the public sector, uttering soundbites of concern and weeping crocodile tears.

Prominent will be John Major, his Chancellor and his employment secretary. Last week they greeted an inflation rate of 1.7 per cent as a triumph. It merely proved what Keynes told us long ago: that if you impose a big enough squeeze on profits and employment you will sooner or later get a fall in prices. Enough blood drained from the body will eventually turn it white. That is not a policy, merely a tired experiment, in this case at the expense of the unemployed.

Had the government truly cared about unemployment it would not this week have given itself another pay rise, of 1.5 per cent. It would have reduced wages and spent the available money increasing public payrolls. Labour and the unions would have castigated it. But they too do not care about unemployment. Indeed they both attacked the government for not raising public-sector pay even more — knowing that each extra pound has to be "found" from within the planning total through more redundancies.

Government says that it is helping the unemployed by indexing unemployment and other benefits. Here language becomes the enemy of reason. This may relieve poverty among the unemployed. It does not encourage them back to work. It merely makes the poverty trap more severe. It is easy to be generous with public money, less easy to combat unemployment by forcing down real wages and stimulating recruitment.

Ministers claim to be embarrassed by high unemployment, but they are not very embarrassed. Their instinctive response is to come up with programmes to make the unemployed more dependent on them, rather than less. They will this week boast of new public spending schemes as if Margaret Thatcher had never existed. The two latest ideas are intriguing: workfare and another training initiative. Both involve increases in public sector activity and spending at the expense of private. Both are examples of government "nationalising a problem that it cannot resolve". Neither are directed at freeing the private sector to make profits and employ low-wage staff.

The Labour party is no better. It will take the rostrum this week in its old colours as the party of the employed working class. It will stand on its head. It will demand measures that may differ from Mr Major's but which share the consequence of increasing unemployment. There will be calls for higher wages for those in work, higher social benefits for those not in work and the signing of the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty. The effect will be drastically to increase wage costs. Labour is welcome to call for an end to "social dumping", for more job security, for minimum wages, for the "union rate for the job". It cannot claim that any of this will reduce unemployment. It will increase it.

Last month Labour's employment spokesman, Frank Dobson, attacked Burton for switching staff from full to part time in a desperate effort to keep them in some form of work. Mr Dobson would apparently prefer Burton bankrupt. His party next criticised Hoover for moving work to Scotland to benefit from lower labour costs. His leader, John Smith, attacked the prime minister for refusing to give British workers the protection of the notorious "SMIC" (minimum wage) in France. Labour represents the interest of the collectivised worker, not of the unemployed. The unemployed are the great disenfranchised.

Britain's employment policies may be less injurious than Jacques Delors's social charter. But as the small business lobby never ceases to point out, they remain hostile to job creation and biased against the "well-springs of recovery", small-scale enterprise and the self-employed. I notice that the career choice of most pupils in a Teesside steelworks school is nowadays, for boys, catering and for girls, child care, jobs they believe they just might find down south.

These young people will be dependent on a labour market — domestic, self-employed, small business — against which the Inland Revenue, Labour party and trade unions fight a guerrilla war in the cause of higher wages and taxes, more security — and fewer jobs. Domestic help today must be the most widespread source of middle-class illegality in Britain. I wonder how many cabinet ministers would pass President Clinton's "nannygate" test.

The history of labour reform over the past century has been of a worthy desire to improve Victorian working conditions. With low unemployment, meticulous attention to welfare was progress. Nobody cared about the interests of those outside the charmed circle: the poor could always be handed public money. Today the gap between the unemployed and those enjoying the protection of Whitehall's "employment culture" has widened and is now yawning. The earnings of those in formal employment is, if the figures are to be believed, still keeping up with inflation. Those out of work are ever more left behind.

Ignoring the unemployed must be a central abrogation of government. Unemployment is a function of labour market inflexibility. Combating that inflexibility is the job of government. It was not enough for the government to attack union privileges in the 1980s or make half-hearted attempts at housing and training reform. The concept of work is changing from the "employer/employee" mode of the 19th century. Most of today's young will never have a single lifetime job. They will move from one skill, one occupation, one location to another. Some of these jobs may demand eccentric skills but still be satisfying: the Oxford graduate makes tea for a video company, runs a restaurant or restores old canals. Work will be variegated activity, computerised, unregulated, mingled with household and family, hobby and season. Men's careers will be as fragmented as those of women. Young people will slide in and out of the formal labour market.

The days when governments promised full employment are mercifully over. What is not over are governments and Oppositions that do nothing to make labour cheaper to recruit and thus reduce unemployment. Right and left alike turn their backs on the unemployed. Labour and Conservative alike fill the market place with their supervisors, inspectors, tax gatherers, trade unionists. These apostles of Schedule E may demand their place in the sun. But when they claim a concern for the unemployed, they are lying.

Lost in the NHS maze

Tony Travers on a most unhealthy bureaucracy

One general point from yesterday's response to the Tomlinson report should not be overlooked: the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley has had to take personal charge of sorting out the capital's health provision, because of the abject failure of a vast array of lower-tier bodies to do so. Indeed, the grey regimes of what was Eastern Europe would have felt at home with the administrative arrangements for the NHS. No user of health care, unless dedicated to a career in higher research, could possibly understand who is responsible for what.

The administration of the NHS empire has been subject to much reform in the past 20 years. A system of regions, areas and districts which was set up in 1974 proved top-heavy. Area health authorities were duly abolished, but still the image of an over-governed NHS persisted. Waiting lists carried on growing.

Most recently ministers have been attempting to inject the NHS with the disciplines of the market. Such an approach has much to commend it, not least because it should import a degree of openness and rationality into previously hidden decision-making. But, at the same time, a raft of intermediary bureaucracies has been sucked into the administrative vacuum between the Department of Health and the public.

Most of the department's day-to-day activities are handled by the National Health Service Management Executive. Based in Leeds, this is entirely separate from the department though there is a close working relationship between the two. The management executive has recently spawned six new "regional outposts" to oversee trust hospitals.

Do not be fooled. Regional outposts are not the same as regional health authorities. The RHAs are survivors from the 1970s reforms. They receive resources from the department and pass the same resources down to lower-tier bodies. Descriptions of the RHAs and their functions are awash with words like "facilitate", "prioritise", "regulate", "monitor", and "develop".

The key lower-tier bodies in receipt of regional health authority bounty are the district health authority (DHA) and the family health service authority (FHSA). The former are responsible for purchasing hospital and community health services, while the latter plan and administer GPs, dentists and so on. Thus, in effect, there are two centrally-appointed local organisations ensuring provision: one for hospitals and health centres, and one for doctors. Their area boundaries are often different. It is impossible to see any benefit from having separate DHAs and FHSAs. Both organisations are "commissioning" health provision. Decisions made by one authority will have important implications for demands on the other.

In parallel to the two types of local health authority there are a growing number of trusts providing hospital and community services, and, in addition to them, fund-holding GPs. GP fund-holders are financed directly by the regions. Trusts receive resources in exchange for services provided to districts and other purchasers.

Outside this complex administrative structure, every area has a community health council (CHC), which is set up to represent the views of health service users. CHCs, like RHAs, DHAs and FHSAs, have their chairmen appointed by the government.

Confused? The Department of Health, the NHS Management Executive, the regional outposts, the RHAs, the DHAs, the FHSAs (and possibly trusts and fund-holding GPs) are, collectively, what citizens (they of the Charter) find interposed between themselves and Mrs Bottomley. And, as if these were not enough, yesterday she promised us a London Implementation Group and London Initiative Zone as well.

This bureaucratic quagmire contrasts starkly with the system of elected local government in Britain. Local councils, you will remember, will soon be reformed so as to make it easier for the elector to hold them to account. The two-tier system of counties and districts will be reduced to a single tier of unitary authorities. Perhaps the time has come for the government to consider a little rationalisation closer to home.

Two parts of the NHS administrative tree look ripe for pruning. The regional health authorities should be excised. Let the NHS management executive or its newly-grown outposts take over their functions. Further down the line, the DHAs and FHSAs should be merged into single organisations. Indeed, a number of them are already trying to put together joint arrangements to minimise overlap and inefficiency. But what idiot set them up as separate bodies in the first place? How could ministers in a pro-consumer government let them do so?

Doubtless ministers and officials feel comfortable with layers of soft padding between themselves and the distant citizen. The market in health care, like other markets, is likely to be a dangerous and unpredictable place. Businesses close. Markets can fail. How much better to keep the plodding old regions, and indeed all the other paraphernalia of the old-style NHS, as a cushion. Markets *and* bureaucratic control? Surely some mistake.

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Sue before it's too late

JOHN MAJOR and Clare Latimer, who have both banked "substantial" but undisclosed damages from the printers and distributors of the *New Statesman* article, made it to court just in time. This time next year the law may well have changed.

Ironically, any change would result from an initiative launched by one of Major's cabinet colleagues, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor. Almost unnoticed, some two and a half years ago, Lord Mackay issued a consultation document which examines whether printers and distributors — as opposed to the author and publisher — ought to be able to argue the defence of "innocent dissemination" in such cases.

Mackay's seven-page consultation document, *Defamation: The defence of innocent dissemination*, put an argument for changing the law. "The essence of the case for extending the defence of innocent dissemination to printers [and distributors] is that the possibility of being liable, even where there is no knowledge of negligence, places an unfair burden upon them," the paper said. "They cannot reasonably be expected to scrutinise all the material they handle for libel, but if they do not, they face the risk of having to pay damages, which may be substantial."

Mackay accepts the argument. In his response to the consultation, he wrote that it would be right to "allow printers as well as distributors to defend libel claims based on defamatory content of which they were not aware and could not reasonably have been expected to be aware. It is therefore my intention that the defence of innocent dissemination should be extended to them as soon as a convenient legislative vehicle is available."

Fortunately for Major and Latimer, such a vehicle has yet to be found.

God and Mammon

THE business world's ongoing flirtation with the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, comes to a head next week when he takes the podium for the Institute of Directors' annual Pall Mall Lecture. The first churchman to speak since the IoD started the lectures in 1969, he will discuss whether there is a "gospel for the rich". And they are likely to warm to him — the IoD describes him as an "ally".

Harries believes he has been asked because he *has* a "more positive view of the market economy" than some churchmen. "The market can work for freedom. Also the element of risk-taking in some sense echoes the risk in Creation itself. I will try to help businessmen view what they do in positive terms."

Harries's popularity with business groups may stem from his reluctance to pass judgment. "I would not want to condemn currency speculators," he says. "I would not want to be one myself, but I could not condemn them. Jesus, after all, mixed with tax collectors."

Stake in society

MONDAY evening's meeting of Edinburgh District Council's recreation committee produced some raised eyebrows. The council women's committee submitted a request for £850 — half the cost of a commemorative plaque that the Zero Tolerance Campaign, which campaigns against violence to women wishes to put up.

The bronze plaque will be positioned on the witches' fountain in the High Street, a memorial to women burnt as witches between 1563 and 1722. The idea of the recreation committee funding the plaque amused one councillor, who suggested the only link he could see between witches and a recreation committee was that in the 16th century some people might have regarded burning witches as "sport".

Suffice to say his comments did not go down well. The hapless councillor was last seen hopping down Princes Street.

● *Even God, it seems, is turning his back on the English Test match side. Andrew Wingfield Digby, the team's chaplain, is flying back to England from India on Friday, the very day the third and final Test match begins.*



Jailhouse rocks

AS DARIUS GUPPY finds time for reflection in prison, fans of his poetry must be wondering whether his time inside will serve as a muse? Can we expect *The Ballad of Brixton Gaol*?

It turns out he has already been practising. Nine years ago he wrote this poem, "Glimpses of Eden", which was published in an Oxbridge anthology, *First Set: Blue Jade*, which Guppy himself edited:

A chance to be alone
In a wood-floor room
With wooden beams
A cupboard and a chest
Where clothes are neatly folded
And drawers are neatly locked
A reminiscence...



THOMAS WARD is innocent OK, but where did he get that hat? According to Michael Braudy of Locks, the St James's hatter, the American lawyer's titfer is a "Minsmere" — "reminiscent of Wordsworth and country walks," he says. "It costs around £38 and is usually worn in the countryside. However," he adds, "tweedy caps are rather more fashionable than tweedy hats at the moment."

According to rival Herbert Johnson, the Ward hat is a "relaxed weekender" costing around £55. Says a spokesman: "He could have got it in America — though I'm not sure where."

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BEYOND A JOKE

Audiences for the Maastricht drama are growing restless

In the once popular 18th-century farce, *The Knights*, a "country politician" called Sir Gregory Gazette becomes so obsessed by what the newspapers are writing that he has no time to ponder what is happening under his nose. All prime ministers will at one time or another be identified with great characters of literature or history. Lady Thatcher aimed to be Boadicea: Sir Gregory is shaping up as a perfect part for John Major.

The old squire from Hereford (not quite Huntingdon) claims that "politicks have been my study many a day". But, in Samuel Foote's little play, he is easily and cruelly duped into the belief that the government has signed a treaty yielding half of Cornwall to the Vatican in return for putting a Protestant into the papacy. John Major seems on no surer ground in his own European policy.

Here we have a prime minister, an unsophisticate at Number 10, who is notoriously sensitive to anything that newspapers say. It would be unfair to cast him as a dupe. It would be wrong to deny his personal courage and resourcefulness. And yet he seems happy to be seduced by the great drama overseas while neglecting its effect on his own countrymen.

Sir Gregory becomes inordinately excited over the prospect that a Protestant Pope, newly made infallible, would be able to force all Catholics to convert to Canterbury. What is the essence of Mr Major's argument over Maastricht? That Britain should be "at the heart of Europe"; that the presence of this sensible, Protestant country at the negotiating table will temper those hot-headed Catholics intent on forging a federal superstate.

The prime minister's argument is fast losing force among the British people. Soon it will be fit for little more than comedy. The presence of Britain at the Maastricht negotiations did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of other countries for economic and political union. They will still go ahead with the social chapter and a single currency if they want to. All Britain has achieved is an opt-out, just as Henry VIII opted Britain out of papal authority in 1534.

And while Sir Gregory Gazette is simply a fool, with no malign intentions against anyone, John Major now seems willing to stop at nothing to push the Maastricht bill through Parliament. Any legal opinion which suits him will do. He was happy to turn on a sixpence over amendment 27 on the social chapter. He let his foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, face a jeering Commons alone on Monday. Yesterday, he reiterated the argument that whether MPs voted yes or no to this amendment mattered not a jot to the treaty's ratification.

There is a fearful symmetry between the government's new indifference to the wishes of Parliament and the possibility of an overmighty Brussels ignoring the views of a dissenting member state once the Maastricht treaty is signed. Democratic deficits begin at home, and one of the dangers of Britain's nebulous constitutional procedure is that a government intent on having its way can find a justification in law or precedent, it seems, for virtually anything.

Once power is delivered into the hands of Brussels and an unaccountable European central bank the prospects for abuse will abound all the more. Few men beyond the immediate circles of Mr Major and Mr Hurd believe that Maastricht will deliver the much-vaunted "subsidiarity". Voters across Europe are increasingly suspicious of Maastricht and anxious about ceding power irreversibly to a remote cabal of politicians, most of whom represent the interests of countries other than their own. A referendum is rejected with all the disdain of a prime minister powerful in his royal prerogative. Westminster, it seems, can be bypassed with equal ease. The people of Britain are justifiably angry. They are seeing their sovereignty whittled away; and are powerless to prevent it.

Meanwhile, the tenant of Downing Street recommends Edmund Burke in his Carlton Club lecture. Although Burke was a strong supporter of Sir Gregory Gazette's creator, Conservatism's greatest philosopher could hardly have looked without despair at the man auditioning for the role today.

HEALTH AGAINST HUBRIS

The true test of Mrs Bottomley's reforms is a decade away

After four months of attrition by lobby groups, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, has wisely endorsed the bulk of Sir Bernard Tomlinson's report on the future of London's health care and defied her public image as an appeaser of vested interests. Hell hath no fury like a senior consultant scorned, as the sometimes hysterical campaign against the report has proven. But, encouragingly, the government's sympathies have been shown to lie with the health service's consumers rather than its most privileged producer group.

The outrage of the Tomlinson report is not its call for rationalisation of the capital's teaching hospitals but the fact that it is the 20th enquiry in the past century to make such recommendations. In specialist services and acute medical care, London suffers from an embarrassment of riches: the inner city has 70 per cent more beds than the national average, many of which are under-used. Yet good primary care and routine hospital treatment are in short supply.

Since the internal market was introduced in 1987 district health authorities have sent fewer patients to the unusually expensive inner London hospitals. Throughout the country, city hospitals are losing custom to cheaper rural and suburban institutions. In her promise to "make London better", Mrs Bottomley proposes a strategic cure as a preemptive alternative to the rougher medicine of the market.

On financial grounds, the health secretary has declined to move the Royal Brompton and Royal Marsden hospitals to Charing Cross. Much of the detail of reform will be left to the new London Implementation Group. But the snap three-month review of specialist services which she has ordered suggests a determination not to budge from the principles of the Tomlinson report.

Even St Bartholomew's, the most truculent of the hospitals under scrutiny, has extracted only minor concessions. It has until the autumn to persuade Mrs Bottomley that its blend of sentimental appeal and specialist expertise justifies a much reduced niche in the market.

The contraction of London's specialist services must now yield a radical improvement in primary care for the 90 per cent of patients who do not require hospital treatment. London has twice the national average of single-handed general practitioners, a disproportionate number of whom are over retirement age. Better premises, proper screening facilities and more support staff are badly needed by London's GPs — whose interests have been drowned out by the chorus of dismay from the older, more glamorous hospitals.

Mrs Bottomley has wrung an extra £30 million from the Treasury towards the six-year £170 million reform of health care in the new London Initiative Zone, which will embrace the capital's most deprived areas. Spending should now be targeted on preventive medicine, GPs' premises and nursing services which facilitate day surgery. The health secretary must ensure that this money is rigorously audited. She has seen off the hubris of Harley Street in a manner which should be a model to her cabinet colleagues. But the state of the capital's primary care a decade hence will be the true test of her resolve.

JUST NOT CRICKET

This England side gives professionalism a bad name

Nobody ever pretended that cricket was fair. Part of its magic is the erratic interplay of temperament and technique, climate and luck, which combine to make it the most unpredictable of sports. Certainly, when Graham Gooch's England side left to tour India six weeks ago, not even Cassandra could have predicted that it was about to be wiped out with ignominy in the first two Tests, never looking like winning, about to suffer its heaviest defeat by India, and about to experience India's first England conquest by an innings since 41 Februaries ago, when the melancholy decline to disaster was interrupted by funereal pause for the death of the king. No England side has ever gone to India with such high confidence, and failed so abjectly.

This was supposed to be the most professional England side in history. They were said to be fitter and quicker and better trained and tougher than previous touring parties. They jogged and did circuit-training and press-ups in shell-suits, and cultivated their unshaven five-o'clock heavy stubble as symbol of the machismo of that dour cliché, Essex cricketer. The selection of the squad, by leaving out David Gower, the most stylish batsman, and Jack Russell, the best wicket-keeper, provoked a fierce little rebellion by members of the MCC against what was seen as a closed clique of boring hard men, Roundheads rather than Cavaliers. But at least, though dour, Gooch's men were deemed thoroughly professional cricketers.

On tour, nothing has been more amateur (in its wet sense) than their performance. Cricketing professionals of the past from Tom Graveney to Brian Statham were never photographed for the public prints pathetically opening tins of baked beans and corned beef in order to avoid the laxity of Indian cuisine. Any amateur could have told these professionals that India was going to be hot, the crowds noisy and hostile, the travel tedious, the pitches crumbly, the schedule hectic, the miasma in Calcutta choking, some of the umpires short-sighted and crowd-serving. So what else is new? Do professionals really need to be warned in writing against guzzling prawns in Madras on the eve of a Test match? Instead of continual press-ups and jogging, they would have done better to prepare by having nets against Subcontinental spin bowlers from the Lancashire League on turning wickets and practising endurance and concentration in the uproar of the arena.

With a bit of luck, this professional team could still win the final Test at Bombay. But it is now time to bring in younger players for the Ashes next summer. May they break the cliquey wicket, and revert to treating cricket as sport rather than drudgery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A necessary step on social chapter

From Professor Emeritus Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, QC, FBA

Sir, It is surely right that passage of the amendment excising the social chapter (consisting of protocol, agreement and declarations) from the Maastricht bill (Mr Glyn Ford's letter, February 12) would lead to a need for "re-ratification" by member states.

The effect would be to remove Parliament's consent to the use by the other 11 states of Community institutions (legislative and judicial) in developing social policy, and this the Sovereign could hardly ignore when using the prerogative.

Re-ratification might be a formality, or it might be a prolonged process. But the United Kingdom cannot "opt-in" unilaterally to the social chapter; paradoxically, the passage of this amendment is a necessary first step to adopting it.

Secondly, however, the social chapter's ambit of protection for workers tends always to be overstated by the government (in pursuit of its implausible argument that it will "destroy jobs") and sometimes even by supporters.

Mr Norman Willis (letter, February 12) rightly says, "No one is talking about having the same pay level in Denmark and Portugal", for the very good reason that the legislative machinery of the chapter's agreement has no application to pay at all: "The provisions of this article shall not apply to pay, the right of association, the right to strike or the right to impose lock-outs" (article 2 (6)).

Many other matters are excluded from subjects available for legislation by majority voting, among them dismissal of workers. The social chapter does not, therefore, implement the whole, or even the major part, of the 1989 Community Social Charter. Nor could it alone be used, in the light of article 2 (6), to rectify the contraventions by British labour laws of international standards on "freedom of association" described repeatedly in the annual reports of International Labour Organisation experts.

Mr Willis points to the desirable objective of a "level playing field" across the Community, with basic rights covered in contracts of employment, some of them established by framework agreements. That excellent route still faces many problems thrown up by the diverse industrial and legal systems. Furthermore, a declaration in the chapter relieves member states from changing their own laws to enforce such agreements.

Of course, framework agreements also need the assent of representative parties. Multinational enterprises might adopt their own policies without close reference to trade unions if no national or Community law required collective bargaining (the social chapter does not).

The social chapter, therefore, if realistically assessed, is no cure-all; it is a modest mechanism based upon sensible concepts of social *consensus*. Exaggerated claims for it will risk disillusion.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr David Howarth

Sir, The report on your front page today indicates that there is deep confusion about the simple constitutional questions of whether the executive in Britain holds the power to ratify treaties and the extent of the consequences of such ratification. I am reminded of the similarly confused debate last year about whether or not the parliamentary vote on the Maastricht paving motion was a matter of confidence.

Is it not extraordinary that on these three elementary points of constitutional principle there is no clear answer in law?

Surely the practical case for a written constitution and a constitutional court has never been so compelling.

Yours faithfully,
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February 15.

From Mr Anthony Quick

Sir, The confusion on the Maastricht bill is now total. The government supports it on the ground that its main provision, monetary union, will not work, the Opposition supports an amendment that may wreck the bill, and some Euro-sceptics will support the same amendment, although Labour's aim of including the social chapter in the Maastricht treaty is contrary to their principles.

Surely a referendum is the answer.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY QUICK,
Corbin, Scorriton,
Buckfastleigh, Devon.
February 9.

Eye operations in Britain and India

From Mr A. I. Macfarlane

Sir, Mr Mike Briggs (letter, February 13) should not be surprised at the difference in price of cataract surgery in this country compared with India. Clearly the comparison with third world medical economics is not at all realistic.

I am sure that British patients would not appreciate being discharged shortly after surgery, regardless of outcome, with a pair of bottle-top lens cataract glasses, without which they would be nearly blind, and with a three-month out-patient appointment.

The results of modern implant cataract surgery are spectacular even when compared with the situation that existed in this country ten years ago. Patients can expect uncomplicated surgery in at least 96 per cent of cases, with rapid visual rehabilitation allowing a quick return to work for the younger patient and rapid discharge from expensive after-care back to their own homes for the elderly and dependent.

Yours sincerely,
ADRIAN MACFARLANE
(Consultant ophthalmic surgeon),
Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital,
Church Street, Maidstone, Kent.
February 14.

From Dr A. Holmes-Smith

Sir, The need for cataract surgery in England is increasing because of increased longevity resulting in more cataract sufferers and also surgical techniques allowing of operation at an earlier age.

Day surgery is a possibility but it is not suitable for some patients whose circumstances do not provide adequate domestic and post-operative attention.

In some hospitals the problem has been addressed by having occasional weekend cataract sessions at which a considerable number of cases are operated upon. This course would appear to meet the need were it more generally adopted. It does, however, mean that operating staff must be prepared to work the occasional weekend: surely no problem in a "caring" profession?

The problem of waiting is widespread in England. Perhaps the aid organisation operating in India, to which Mr Briggs refers, could offer advice.

Yours truly,
A. HOLMES-SMITH
(Retired ophthalmic surgeon),
As from: Berristall Cottage,
Tower Hill, Rainow,
Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire.
February 15.

From Mr David Moss

Sir, As an eye surgeon working in the National Health Service I share the frustration expressed by Mr Mike Briggs about the waiting list for cataract surgery in this country. I spent last October in Uttar Pradesh carrying out cataract surgery as a Rotary volunteer in a charitable eye camp. I think there are some points to consider before his father arranges a "package to India".

The surgery there might be carried out in the manner of 25 years ago in Britain. There would be no question of an intra-ocular implant being used, as is routine here.

The instruments used would probably be cleaned but not sterilised after the previous case because of lack of running water and unpredictable electrical supply. One of the main tasks of the surgical assistant would be to try to fend off the hordes of insects trying to land on the surgical field.

The post-operative phase would be in a closely packed "ward" containing perhaps 100 patients with their relatives and sometimes animals, and nursing care and medication for any complications might be non-existent. Washing and toilet facilities would be dramatically primitive.

Such surgery may be cheaper; it is certainly not pleasant, either for patients or carers. It is, however, the only option available to the rural poor who live in the appalling deprivation of the third world.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MOSS
(Consultant ophthalmic surgeon),
Basingstoke District Hospital,
Aldermaston Road,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.
February 15.

Untangling traffic

From General Sir Charles Huxtable

Sir, There can be little doubt that our motorways are overcrowded ("MacGregor's plans for motorway tolls run into opposition", February 9). We need to reduce the traffic on them or increase their size. If we increase the size we only encourage more traffic to use them and the problem recurs.

If, in order to reduce traffic, we impose conventional tolls we are in danger of driving off the long-distance traffic for which they are designed and increasing congestion on urban through routes.

One reason why the motorways are overcrowded is that many drivers use them for short journeys to avoid local bottlenecks. The answer surely is to impose tolls which decrease as the distance covered on a motorway increases.

Thus, a driver leaving a motorway at the next junction might pay £10; after five junctions he might pay £5 and if he continued for ten junctions or further he would not pay a toll.

This would encourage long-distance through traffic to use motorways and avoid busy urban centres and would discourage those making local journeys.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. HUXTABLE,
Army and Navy Club,
36-39 Pall Mall, SW1.
February 9.

Bell on Bosnia

From the Editor of Panorama

Sir, In his article on Martin Bell's *Panorama* about Bosnia ("The swamp of civil war", February 10) Simon Jenkins accuses the programme of a bias against understanding, using the pornography of violence and not exploring the issues involved.

This is unfair as well as patronising. The BBC regularly explores the issues, and *Panorama* has explored them too and will undoubtedly do so again. But the saturation coverage of the diplomatic and military details can induce a different kind of bias against understanding — a sense of helplessness and even boredom among the public.

Martin Bell's programme corrected that by reclaiming viewers' attention so dramatically to the subject. It is a legitimate function of current affairs to enable people to connect via the camera with what is really happening, just as it is of newspapers to run powerful descriptions of events along with the news.

Yours faithfully,
GLENWYN BENSON,
Editor, *Panorama*,
BBC Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
February 12.

Business letters, page 25

Safety of apple juice

From the Chairman of the British Fruit Juice Importers Association

Sir, Your leader ("MAFF over a barrel", February 11) is right to refer to the outcry over apple juice as a scare story, not least because the overwhelming evidence suggests that the juice on sale in the United Kingdom is safe. Our members and those of related trade bodies produce apple juice in which patulin is either undetectable or below the recommended guideline of 50 parts per billion.

It is unfair, however, to criticise MAFF for their handling of the matter. On the contrary, they acted responsibly in rechecking the scientific tests, passing their findings to a specific scientific working party for further examination, and seeking the industry's views on how patulin can be identified and its presence minimised, if possible even below the level recommended by the World Health Organisation.

MAFF received a responsible reaction from the industry, in terms of technical input both to the research and to checking and tightening of existing specifications. The ministry plans to publish a guide for the benefit of the public, once accurate information has been properly collated.

I do not believe that the answer lies in the American system advocated by your leader, which in practice involves every food factory employing a full-time government inspector, accompanied by tomes of codified food laws. That is a significant on-cost which ultimately the consumer has to bear.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE WEBSTER,
Chairman, The British Fruit Juice Importers Association,
Shoelands, Seale, Farnham, Surrey.

Dutch euthanasia vote

From Father George Donaldson

Sir, In July 1949 Dr Leo Alexander, a psychiatrist who worked with the Office of the Chief of Counsel for War Crimes at Nuremberg, 1946-7, wrote an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* entitled "Medical science under dictatorship". There he wrote:

Whatever proportions these crimes finally assumed, it became evident to all who investigated them that they had started from small beginnings. The beginnings at first were merely a subtle shift in emphasis in the basic attitude of the physicians. It started with the acceptance of the attitude, basic in the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as life not worthy to be lived.

This attitude in its early stages concerned itself merely with the severely and chronically sick. Gradually the sphere of those to be included in this category was enlarged to encompass the socially unproductive, the ideologically unwanted, the racially unwanted and finally all non-Germans. But it is important to realize that the infinitely small wedged-in lever from which this entire trend of mind received its impetus was the attitude toward the non-rehabilitable sick.

Dr Alexander goes on to discuss "the example of the successful resistance by the physicians of The Netherlands" and states:

Thus it came about that not a single euthanasia or non-therapeutic sterilization was recommended or participated in by any Dutch physician. They had the foresight to resist before the first step was taken, and they acted unanimously and won out in the end.

Irony indeed, in view of the sad and deplorable step taken by the Dutch parliament (report, "Dutch sanction euthanasia", February 10). If Dr Alexander's article had been compulsory reading for Dutch MPs before the vote the outcome might have been different.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE DONALDSON
(Lecturer in moral theology),
Chesters College,
2 Chesters Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.
February 10.

Legal-aid cuts

From Mr Roger Goodier

Sir, The Lord Chancellor, by seeking to introduce swingeing cuts in legal-aid eligibility (report, February 4), is failing to look after the interests of HM Treasury, certainly in personal injury claims.

Figures recently issued by the Legal Aid Board for legally aided personal-injury cases concluded in 1991-2 show that the net cost to the Treasury was £13.7 million, 1.3 per cent of the legal-aid budget.

Where legally aided victims were successful in pursuing claims and costs were recoverable from the defendants the success rate was 80 per cent. These cases are essentially broken down into three categories: running-down motoring cases, where the success rate was 91 per cent; accidents at work (82 per cent), and medical negligence, a much more complex area (49 per cent).

If the Lord Chancellor insists on bringing in the proposed eligibility cuts vast numbers of people will be denied the right to pursue a successful claim, the Treasury will lose a substantial amount of court fees (some of which, incidentally, were recently increased by the Lord Chancellor's Department by as much as 62 per cent), and the compensation recovery unit, which claws back social-security benefits out of compensation paid as a result of the accident, will suffer a substantial reduction in its expected recovery of £100 million per annum.

The Lord Chancellor's proposed cuts would reduce expenditure but even more the income derived from successful personal injury claims, and there would be no savings at all.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER GOODIER
(Secretary, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers),
247 The Broadway,
Wimbledon, SW19.
February 5.

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, In the current heated discussion about legal aid one hears little of the place of private legal insurance. A government that claims it wants people to be more self-reliant should encourage this type of insurance by making the premiums at least in part tax-deductible.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FORREST,
Delfryn, Castle Morris,
Near Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
February 13.

Among the stones

From Dr Graham Webster, FSA

Sir, English Heritage has been discussing whether druids should again be allowed access to Stonehenge (report, February 10). But modern druids can have no possible connection with this ancient monument. In any case Celtic religious ceremonies were in woodland glades and druids were mainly arbiters in inter-tribal disputes; so why continue this nonsense?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WEBSTER,
The Old School House, Chesterton,
Harbury, nr Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire.

Child maintenance

From His Honour Judge Anthony Thorpe, President, Independent Tribunal Service

Sir, The new arrangements for child maintenance (report, February 10) will allow any parent aggrieved by the decision of the Child Support Agency an unfettered right of appeal. There is no question of seeking leave to appeal.

Appeals will be heard by child support appeal tribunals, which are part of the Independent Tribunal Service. They comprise an experienced legally qualified chairman and two lay members. They have the power to vary or set aside decisions of the agency.

Legal representation at tribunals is not a requirement, but appellants may be accompanied by anyone they wish to help them present their case. The tribunals do not make orders for costs and appellants' expenses for appearing are met from public funds.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY THORPE
President, Independent Tribunal Service,
City Gate House,
39-45 Finsbury Square, EC2.

The first cut

From Dr H. R. Guly

Sir, Dr Talks (letter, February 13) says spring is here as he has seen his first patients of the year with corneal abrasions sustained while gardening.

He is mistaken. Spring will not have arrived until I see my first patient with a toe cut off by a hover-mower.

Yours faithfully,
H. R. GULY,
Derriford Hospital,
Accident and Emergency Department,
Derriford Road, Plymouth, Devon.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron-in-Chief, today attended a Luncheon at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London W2.

Captain Giles Inglis-Jones was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Fellow, this evening attended the Annual Dinner given by the Chartered Institute of Building, Guildhall, London EC2.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 16: The Princess Royal today visited Nottinghamshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan Bt).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened the new wing of King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited *Warner's (UK) Limited, Dabell* Avenue, Blenheim Industrial Park, Nottingham.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Nottinghamshire Archives Office, Wilford Street, Nottingham.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, subsequently visited Peter Geeson Limited, Long Eaton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 16: The Princess of Wales this morning attended the First Management Forum Conference on Aids, the Langham Hilton Hotel, Portland Place, London W1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 16: The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Leeds, this morning visited the University's Art Gallery, Workshop Theatre and University Union.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon visited Martin House Hospice, Clifford, Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Council, this afternoon visited King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, Beaumont Street, London W1.

Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the *London Philharmonic, this evening attended a concert at the* Royal Festival Hall.

Commander Roger Walker, *RN, was in attendance.*

Birthdays today

Sir Derek Andrews, civil servant, 60; Mr Alan Bates, actor, 59; the Earl of Dundonald, 32; the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT, 69; Lord Foot, 84; Mr Barry Humphries, entertainer and author, 59; Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, Yorkshire Water, 66; Mr R.P. Kennedy, headmaster, Highgate School, 44; Miss Julia McKenzie, actress and singer, 52; General Sir John Mogg, 80; Sir Orby Mootham, former Chief Justice, Allahabad, 92; Dr Claire Palley, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 62; Sir Reginald Pullen, former receiver-general, Westminster Abbey, 71; Mrs Ruth Rendell, crime novelist, 63; Lord Ridley of Liddesdale, 64; Miss Patricia Routledge, actress, 64; Lord Slynn of Hadley, 63; Commandant Mary Talbot, former director, WRNS, 71; Mr Elleston Trevor, author, 72; Sir Anthony Wilson, former accountancy adviser to HM Treasury, 65.

Dinners

Lord Colnbrook
Lord Colnbrook was host to the United and Cecil Club at dinner at the House of Lords last night. The principal guest and speaker was Lord Moore of Wolvercote. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided and Sir Brian Goswell also spoke.

Knights of the Round Table
Colonel A.F. Niekirk, Knight Vice-President of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, presided at a legal dinner held last night at the Middle Temple. Judge Kenneth Richardson, QC, Treasurer of the Middle Temple, also spoke. Sir John May, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, was among others present.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception at the London Library at 6.00 to mark its 150th anniversary.

The Queen Mother, as Honorary Colonel of The Royal Yeomanry, will visit the new regimental headquarters at The Duke of York's Headquarters at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales as Patron of RELATE, will visit Barnsley RELATE, 33 Queens Road, at 11.55; will visit Rockingham College Training Annexe, West Street, Wath-upon-Dearne, at 1.30; and will visit the Thurnscoe Family Centre, Station House, Lidget Lane, Thurnscoe, at 2.35.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Dents, Fairfield Road, Warminster, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit ERA Technology, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead, at 11.00; and, as chancellor, will visit Surrey University at 1.00.

Painter-Stainers' Company

At a court meeting of the Painter-Stainers' Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall, the Master, Mr Michael L. Giles, presented the Honorary Freedom of the Company to Miss Suzanne Walker and Miss Juliet Hayward, joint-winners of the Painter-Stainers' Cyril Sweett award in 1992. The annual Freemen's luncheon was held afterwards.

Memorial services

Prebendary Dewi Morgan
A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Prebendary Dewi Morgan was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Clifford Warren-Pyne, a guildsman, read the lesson and Mr Trevor Turner, senior churchwarden, read excerpts from Prebendary Morgan's book, *Where Belonging Begins*. Sir Edward Pickering, Master of the Guild of St Bride, gave an address. Canon Peter Harvey, the Rev Wallace Boulton, and the Rev Christopher Collingwood were robed and in the sanctuary. Among others present were:

Mrs Morgan (widow), Mr and Mrs Colin Nixon and Mr and Mrs David Moses (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Rebecca Nixon, Miss Rachel Nixon, Miss Ruth Nixon, Miss Miranda Moses and Miss Anna Moses (granddaughters), Mrs Diana Morgan (sister-in-law).

Lady Barnetson, the Hon Hugh Lawson, Sir Gordon Jewkes, Mrs M Horrocks, Mrs Peter Harvey, Mr John Wallace, Mr and Mrs Christopher McKane, Mr and Mrs Cyril Bainbridge, Mr Frank Goldsworthy, Mr and Mrs A W H Longstaff, Mr Bill Tadd, Mr James Benn, The Rev Christopher and Mrs Jackson, Mr and Mrs John Buchanan, Mr George Odhams, Mrs Helen Woodruff, Mr and Mrs Harold Orchard, Mr Doon Campbell, Mr John Young, Mr Peter Hunt, Mr John Miles, Mr and Mrs Henry Douglas, Mr Robert Sigmon, Mr David Hands, QC, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Morgan, Mr Phil Wrack, Mr Percival Sutton, Mr James Nicoll.

Mr E H Marsh (Newspaper Press Fund), Mr Dennis Delderfield (editor, *City of London and Dockland Times*), Mr Chris Underwood and Mr Roger Bush (Institute of Journalists), Mrs Jean Marian Stevens and Mrs Joan Livermore (Society of Women Writers and Journalists), Mr David Linton (London Press Club), Mr G T Mandel (Stationers' Company) and Mrs Mandel, Mr D Dennis (Marketors' Company), Mr Raymond Onslow (RNA Association, Fleet Street branch), Mr Roy Pullick (Wynkyn de Worde Society), Mr Alan A Martin (Friends of the Imperial War Museum), Mrs Janet Smith (Friends of St Bride's), Mr Edward Bevin (National Association of Local Councils), Mr Colin McCulloch (the Yorkshire Society), and members of the Guild of St Bride and representatives from All Saints Church, West Dulwich.

Richard Liddiard
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Richard Liddiard, CBE, will be held on Friday, March 19, at noon at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

Luncheons

Victory (Services) Association
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron-in-Chief of the Victory (Services) Association, attended a luncheon held yesterday at the Victory Services Club. Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, president, presided. Among others present were:

Admiral Sir Brian Brown, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, General Sir John Akehurst, General Sir Edward Burgess, General Sir George Cooper, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray, Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett and Sir John Read.

Middle East Association
Mr Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual luncheon of the Middle East Association held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr T.J. Stone, chairman, presided and Sir James Blyth also spoke.

Institute of Petroleum
Mr Charles Smith, President of the Institute of Petroleum, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Mr Al DeCrane, Jr, was the guest of honour and principal speaker.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT
General Sir John Learmont, Quartermaster General, was entertained at luncheon yesterday at Mark Masons Hall by the committee and members of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman, presided.

JOHN MANNING



Happy family: Sir David Frost, with his wife Lady Carina and their sons Miles, 8, Wilfred, 7, and George, 5, outside Buckingham Palace yesterday after the Queen had invested the television presenter and interviewer with a knighthood

University news

London
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Recent grants include:
Department of Clinical Sciences
Dr Greg Bancroft: £220,179 from The Wellcome Trust for the investigations of macrophage activation and cell mediated immunity to *Cryptococcus neoformans*.
Drs Hazel Dockrell and Neil Stoker: £78,644 from the Medical Research Council for an extension of one year for a project entitled "T cell recognition of the 18kDA antigen of *M. leprae* and its role in protective immunity to leprosy.
Dr Neil Stoker: £153,825 from The Wellcome Trust for the study of Biosynthesis of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
Department of Epidemiology & Population Sciences
Mr Richard Hayes: 295,000 ECU from the CEC for a two year study of the epidemiology of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases in Mwanza Region, Tanzania.
Dr Paul McKeigue: £36,878 from North West Thames Regional Health Authority for a project entitled "Health beliefs and heart disease prevention in South Asians".
Department of Medical Parasitology
Professor Martin Taylor: 240,000 ECU from the CEC for a three year study entitled "Evaluation of defined antigen vaccines against *Schistosoma bovis* and *S.japonicum* in bovines".
Dr David Warhurst: $62,216 from the WHO for a one year study entitled "Guanylyl cyclase in malaria parasites (*Plasmodium falciparum*, and *P.yoelii*): A signal transducer and possible target for 8- and 6-aminoquinolines".
Department of Public Health & Policy
Dr Ann Ashworth-Hill: $33,506 from the WHO for a one year study entitled "Defining appropriate ways to increase the energy density of weaning foods — a preliminary exploratory study".
Dr Paul Elliott: £35,373 from the British Heart Foundation for a one year study entitled "INTERMAP International co-operative study in macronutrients and blood pressure — development of detailed protocol, London co-ordinating centre".
Dr Paul Elliott: 516,000 ECU from the CEC for a three-year project entitled "Analysis of small area variations in air quality and health: a methodological study".
Ms Mary Marlow: £32,680 from HelpAge International for an extra years funding of a project entitled "assessing elderly malnutrition".

University of Wales College of Medicine
Recent grants include:
Professor N C H Stott/Dr R Pill, Department of General Practice, £205,126 from the Medical Research Council for three years in support of a randomised control study of alternative approaches to the delivery of diabetic care in general practice.
Professor A K Burnett, Department of Haematology, £54,214 from the Leukaemia Research Fund for two years in support of a clinical fellowship; £20,000 from the Leukaemia Research Fund for a special equipment grant.
Drs N Topley/G A Coles/M Davies, Department of Medicine, £42,961 from the Welsh Scheme for the Development of Health and Social Research for two years in support of a study of the mechanisms triggering the initiation of peritoneal fibrosis.
Professor M Scanlon, Department of Medicine, (Endocrinology), £47,000 from Kabi Pharmaceuticals for 18 months in support of a multicentre study evaluating the effect of genotropin on the quality of life and body composition of growth hormone deficient adults.
Professor M Scanlon, Department of Medicine (Endocrinology), £37,706 from the Welsh Scheme for the Development of Health and Social Research for two years in support of a study of the effects of cholinergic muscarinic antagonism on insulin sensitivity and endocrine status in obese states.
Professor J P Shepherd, Department of Oral Surgery, Medicine and Pathology, £67,081 from P P P Medic[illegible] two years in support of an investigation of the validity of treatment decision in lower third molar surgery.
Mr A R Bernard, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, £40,354 from the Welsh Scheme for the Development of Health and Social Research for two years in support of a study of the maturation and cryopreservation of human primary follicles from ovarian biopses to circumvent infertility in female cancer survivors.
Professor P S Harper, Department of Medical Genetics, 39,000 ECU from the EEC for one year in support of a study of the molecular genetic prediction for Huntington's Disease — the analysis of ethical and social aspects and their implications for other late onset neurogenetic disorders.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Arcangelo Corelli, composer, Fusignano, Italy, 1653; Horace Benedict de Saussure, physicist, Geneva, 1740; René Laënnec, physician and inventor of the stethoscope, Quimper, France, 1781; Selwyn Image, painter, Bodiam, Sussex, 1849; Sir Edward German, composer, Whitchurch, Shropshire, 1862; A.B. (Banjo) Paterson, poet, journalist and author of *Waltzing Matilda*, Narambia, New South Wales, 1864.

DEATHS: Giordano Bruno, philosopher, burnt at the stake in Rome, 1600; Molière, playwright, Paris, 1673; James Macpherson, poet, Inverness, 1796; Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, educator, Brugg, Switzerland, 1827; William Collins, landscape painter, London, 1847; John Martin, historical painter, Douglas, Isle of Man, 1854; Heinrich Heine, poet, Paris, 1856; John Braham, singer and composer, London, 1856; Henry Olcott, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, Madras, 1907; Geronimo, Apache leader, Port Sill, Oklahoma, 1908; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canadian Prime Minister 1896-1911, Ottawa, 1918; Albert I, King of the Belgians 1909-34, killed in a climbing accident in the Ardennes, 1934; Hans Hofmann, Expressionist painter, New York, 1966; Shmuel Agnon, novelist, Nobel laureate 1966, Jerusalem, 1970; Graham Sutherland, painter, 1980.

The first public experimental demonstration of Baird colour television was transmitted from Crystal Palace to the Dominion Theatre, London, 1938.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.H. Almond and Miss N.J. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.H. Almond, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Clarke, of Upper Malone, Belfast.

Mr N.J. Bennett and Ms J.K. Sacks
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs John Bennett, of Crowborough, Sussex and St James, Barbados, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Sacks, of West Byfleet, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Dear and Miss K. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dear, of North London, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.T.A. Hudson, of Wormley, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.J.L. Philpott and Miss L.F. Valpy
The engagement is announced between Russell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Philpott, of Estepona, Spain, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Valpy, of Kensington, London.

Dr N.E.J. West and Miss E.K. Booth
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Dr and Mrs T.E.T. West, of Shrewsbury, and Elsa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Booth, of Macclesfield.

Mr S.J. Marquis and Mrs N.J. Horner
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Marquis, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Captain Richard Bates, RN, and Mrs Bates, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr R. North and Miss M. Crichton Maitland
The engagement is announced between Roy, son of Mr and Mrs K. North, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, and Mary, daughter of Major J.D.M. Crichton Maitland and the late Mrs Crichton Maitland, of Houston, Renfrewshire.

Mr G. Reid and Miss G.M. Asprey
The engagement is announced between George, son of the late Mr and Mrs Sandy Reid, of Narrangullen, Yass, NSW, and Georgina Mary, daughter of Mr John Asprey, of London, and Mrs Katrina Milnes Gaskell, of Hampshire.

Mr C.D. Wagstaff and Miss H.L. Kirkpatrick
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Wagstaff, of Bahrain and High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Heather, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Kirkpatrick, of Bullocks Heath, Hampshire.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Janet Bissex, Assistant, St Bede, Toxteth: to be Minister-in-charge, St Athanasius, Kirkdale (Liverpool).

The Rev Jeff Clegg, Assistant Curate, St Stephen, Gateacre: to be Vicar, Good Shepherd, West Derby (Liverpool).

The Rev Christine Rhodes, non-stipendiary minister Weobley: to be non-stipendiary Chaplain's Assistant in the Hereford Hospitals (Hereford).

The Rev Alan Shaw, Curate, Beeston, Leeds: to be Curate, St Thomas, Stanningley, and Curate-in-charge, Swinnow (Ripon).

The Rev Peter Swain, Priest-in-charge Bromfield w Waverton and Westnewton: to be also a member of the newly formed Rural Life and Agriculture Team, working in the West Cumberland Archdeaconry — West Cumbria (diocese Carlisle).

The Rev Tristan Thomas, Vicar, Halliwell, St Margaret (Manchester): to be Vicar, Brompton by Sawdon w Snainton, Ebberston and Allerston (York).

The Rev Brian Tyler, now Curate (NSM) Brighton and Resurrection (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Trendall, Team Rector, Walthamstow, St Mary in the Walthamstow Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Chigwell, St. Mary (Chelmsford).

The Rev Dennis Vickers, non-stipendiary minister, St John Baptist, Stokesay: to be non-stipendiary minister, Wigmore Abbey group of parishes (Hereford).

The Rev Walter Wade, Priest-in-charge, Langdale: to be a member of the newly formed Rural Life and Agriculture Team, working in the Westmorland and Furness archdeaconry — south Cumbria, diocese Carlisle.

The Rev Philip Williams, Curate, St Peter w St Owen and St James, Hereford: to be Vicar, Peterchurch w Vowchurch, Turnastone and Dorstone (Hereford).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Neil Bliss, Rector, South Tawton w Belstone (Exeter): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Ken Boullier, Rector, Maresfield, and Vicar, Nutley (Chichester): retired as from January 5.

The Rev Desmond Buike, Vicar, Glaisdale (York): to resign as from 31 May.

The Rev Peter Gotelee, Vicar, Yarcombe, Membury and Upottery, and Priest-in-charge, Codeigh (Exeter): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Ron Johnson, Rector, Barlavington, Burton w Coates and Sutton w Bignor (Chichester): to retire as from February 12.

The Rev Deryck Markham, Vicar, East Budleigh w Bicton (Exeter): to retire as from August 31.

The Rev David Atkins, Priest-in-charge, West Hanningfield (Chelmsford): to resign as from February 28.

The Rev Francis Chadwick, Rector, Stockbridge and Longstock and Leckford (Winchester): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Frank Dyson, Rector, Pakefield (Norwich): to retire as from February 28.

The Rev Peter Emmerson, Rector, Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren (Worcester): retired as from January 31.

The Rev Joseph Linton, Vicar, Beltingham w Henshaw (Newcastle): retired as from February 2.

The Rev Nicholas Reade, Vicar, Eastbourne St Mary, Rural Dean of Eastbourne, and Priest-in-charge, The Hydneye, St Peter: to resign as Priest-in-charge, The Hydneye St Peter as from February 21.

The Rev Michael Weaver, Vicar, Arundel w Tortington and South Stoke, and Chaplain, Arundel Cottage Hospital: to resign as Rural Dean of Arundel and Bogner (Chichester) as from February 28.

The Rev John Wiltshire, Rector, St John the Evangelist, Coulsdon (Southwark): to retire from May 1.

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BIRTHS

BATES - On February 16th, to Teresa and Robert, a daughter, Felicity Jane, a sister for Lisa and Simon.

BURCH - On February 7th 1993, to Elisabeth (née Thomas) and Jeremy, a son, Guy Alexander.

BURNETT SHIPP - On February 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Joanna (née Lonsdale) and Nick, a son, Patrick James, a brother for Suzannah and Alexander.

CHRISTIE-MILLER - On February 11th, to Elizabeth and Stephen, a daughter, Amelia Alexandra, a sister for Emma and David.

FALCON - On 16th February, in Norwich, to Victoria (née de Bonsen) and Andrew, a daughter, Ruby.

FREER-SMITH - On February 14th, to Ginny (née Cooke) and Christopher, a son, Nicholas Denman.

GIBBONS - On 13th February in Bath, to Jayne (née Rees) and Ian, a son, Rhys Llewelyn.

HARRIS - On 14th February, to Deborah (née Masters) and Nick, a son, Charles John Henry, a brother for Imogen and Camilla.

HOLDER - On January 20th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Katie (née Vincent) and Nigel Holder, a son, Maxwell Sutherland.

JONES - On February 18th, to Jane (née Ruddick) and Stephen, a daughter, Helen Mary.

JOYCE - On February 16th 1993, to Helen Victoria (née Wilson) and Timothy, a son.

LAWRENCE - On 10th February, four weeks early, to Alison (née Gregory) and Jamie, a beautiful daughter, Rosalind Emma (Rosie). All is well.

NAMOR - On February 16th, at The Portland Hospital, London, to Tiziana and Eugenio, a beautiful daughter, Valeria, a sister for Alessandro.

BIRTHS

NELSON - On 14th February, to Philip and Lucy, a son, Archie Patrick, a brother for William and Thomas.

PARKER - On 15th February, to Catherine (née Skinner) and Stephen, a son, Ivo Peter Gordon, a brother for Felix.

PHILLIPS - On February 8th, in Stavanger, Norway, to Meryl-Jane and Anthony, a son, Thomas Edward Francis, a brother for William.

PICKARD - On 4th February, to Susie (née Alston) and Simon, a son, Rory Doyle.

STACEY - On 12th February at The Wellington Hospital, to Marie (née Morris) and Paul, a son, James Howard.

TOMSETT - On 14th February in Perth, Western Australia, to Mellan and Ian, a son, Egerton Jonathan.

WILLIAMS - On February 11th, to Jane (née Armitstead) and Jonathan, a son, George Arthur Gummow, a brother for Charles and Harriet.

WOLMAN - On 13th February at The Wellington Hospital, to Merrick and Shelley, a son, Dean Craig.

DEATHS

ARNOLD - Peacefully in her sleep on February 16th Joan Kathleen dearly beloved wife of Vere. Funeral 12.30 pm Monday 22nd February at St Bartholomews, Barrow, followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired to Tarporley Hospital.

BEDFORD - On February 14th 1993, peacefully in hospital in London, Dorothy Bedford M.B.E. (née Powell-Brett). Beloved wife of the late Ptp. Loving mother of Sanna, grandmother of Geraldine, Thomas and Annabel, great-grandmother of Rosa. Will be sadly missed by many friends in Malta and Warwickshire. Cremation, family only. Thanksgiving Service on Friday 19th February at St Giles Church, Bubbenhall, Warwickshire, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

BURGOYNE - On February 13th, Richard Peter, much loved husband of Sarah and father of James, Piers, Alexander and Guy. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Friday 19th February at Chiddingly Church. No flowers or letters please, donations for Chiddingly Church may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, Wakelyns, Uckfield. (0825) 763241.

CIESLIK - Bolesław Jerzy (George) aged 70 years died peacefully after wonderful care in St Leonard's Hospice, York, on February 14th 1993. He was greatly loved and will be missed by his children Stefan, Filip, Yvonne, Jeanette, Teresa, Veronica and Leonie. A special dziadek to Stefan, Alexander, Edward, Lawrence, Joseph, John, Benedict, Daniel, Jerome, Julian, Frances, Catherine, Dominic, Elizabeth, Clare, William, Richard and Rachael. A dear friend of Mrs Gill. United with Babs. Rest in Peace. Requiem Mass to be held at the Church of Our Lady, Roman Catholic Church, Gale Lane, on Friday February 19th at 12.15pm, followed by interment at Fulford Cemetery. Floral tributes may be sent to the York Co-operative Chapel of Rest, Cromwell Road, if so desired, telephone: (0904) 643936.

COURTMAN-DAVIES - On 15th February, peacefully at St Joseph's Hospice, after a long illness borne with great patience and fortitude, Norman, formerly of the Financial Times and Manchester Guardian. Devoted husband of Mary. Funeral private, no flowers please but donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E8.

DE GUEHEN - Basil Maurice (Bob) CBE MVO of 11 Les Blancs Bois, Rue Cohu, Catel, Guernsey, on 16th February 1993. Dear husband and friend of Mary, caring and loved father of Hugh and Andora, grandfather of Philip and Victoria. If wished donations to GSPCA, St Andrew, Guernsey.

DE SAXE - On February 15th 1993, in her 91st year, peacefully in hospital, Coreen Linda, dearly loved mother of Jennifer and David. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Friday February 19th at 11.45 am.

DEATHS

FITZHERBERT - On Tuesday 9th February 1993, peacefully in London, Anne, widow of Sir John FitzHerbert Bt, mother of Robin and Rosy, grandmother of Richard, Charles and Miranda. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common, London SW4, on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon, followed by private family cremation. Flowers if desired to J.E. Gillman & Sons Ltd., 971/3 Garratt Lane, London SW17. Memorial Service and interment at St Mary's Church, Tissington, Derbyshire, on Monday 1st March 1993 at 12.30 pm. Flowers if desired to St Mary's.

GEMMELL - On February 14th suddenly at Southampton with friends, John Ducros Gemmell, (Jack) aged 86. Funeral Service at Isaac Watts Memorial Church, Southampton on Monday 22nd February at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Coop Funeral Services, or memorial donations if desired to The Mayflower Theatre Trust.

HARRISON - On 14th February, Roy, peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Diane and father of Lynn, Mark, John and Paul. Funeral Service on Saturday 20th February, 12 noon, St Saviours Church Dartmouth. No flowers please. Donations to MacMillan Fund for Nurses c/o R.C. Pillar & Sons Ltd., tel: (0803) 832121.

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LEE - Oliver John, beloved husband of Sandra, father of Jennifer and Timothy and stepfather of Katy and Fergus. Suddenly of a heart attack on 14th February. Funeral to be held on February 22nd at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The Lipid Research Fund, c/o Stammers Funeral Service, 11 Queen Street, Southminster, Essex.

DEATHS

LEIGH-HUNT - On 16th February 1993, peacefully in hospital in Cornwall, Courtenay Gerard aged 84 years, of Pinponds, Camborne, Cornwall. Beloved husband of Helen Elizabeth. Funeral service private, enquiries to the Funeral Director, Colin Matthews (0209) 717772.

LOFTHOUSE - On 13th February 1993, in Cambridge, Marion, sister of Anne Davenport and the late Hilda Lofthouse.

MARTIN - On February 13th, peacefully at Winscombe Nursing Home, Kingswood, Elsa Maud in her 91st year, widow of Laurence, much loved mother of Peter, John, David and Hilary. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday February 23rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 0BN.

MASCALL - On Sunday 14th February, aged 87, The Revd Dr Eric Lionel, DD, OGS, Formerly Professor of Historical Theology King's College London, and Student of Christ Church Oxford. Requiem and funeral St Mary Bourne Street, London, 11 am Tuesday 23rd February; memorial Requiem Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 6 pm Thursday 11th March.

PITTER - Anthony Frederick Vincent. Tragically on 13th February. Funeral to be held at Haycombe Cemetery Chapel, Bath, at 2 pm on Tuesday 23rd February.

REDDISH - On February 15th, peacefully after a long illness, Ken, much loved husband of Phyl. Requiem Mass at Christ The Prince of Peace R.C. Church, Portmore Park Road, Weybridge, Surrey, on Monday 22nd February at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8PB. tel: (0932) 842220.

RENTON - On February 13th 1993, after a brave fight against cancer, Ruth, beloved wife of John and much loved daughter of Daphne Shaw, of Waddington, Clitheroe, Lancashire. All funeral enquiries please to Brian Price Funeral Service, tel: (0200) 441297.

DEATHS

SOYKA - On February 12th 1993, aged 48 years, suddenly at home, Peter Charles Soyka, beloved husband of Maureen, loving father of Jonathan, Marianne, Charles and Paul. Reception of his body into Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Arnos Grove, N11, on Thursday February 18th at 7.30 pm. Requiem Mass at 1 pm on Friday February 19th, followed by burial at Southgate Cemetery, Waterfall Road, N14. All enquiries to A. Seaward & Sons Ltd., 448 Green Lanes, N13, tel: (081) 886-6101.

SYKES - On February 14th 1993, peacefully at home, Hugh Oliver Edward, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Bertha and dear father of Peter, Francis, Anthony and Patricia. Requiem Mass on Friday February 19th 9.30am at Fleet R.C. Church followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to A & W Goddard Ltd. Funeral Directors, Kent Road, Fleet, tel: (0252) 616431.

WILLIAMS - On February 15th, peacefully in Melbourne, Madeline, aged 87.

WYLIE - On February 16th 1993, suddenly at home in St Mawes, Cornwall, Robert Fleming, aged 80 years. Much loved father of Virginia, Helen and Robert. Grandfather of Steven, Victoria, Virginia, Gabby, Katie, Oliver and Alexandra. Dear friend of Betty. Loving husband of the late Josephine Wylie. Funeral will take place Monday February 22nd at 3 pm in the Kernow Chapel at Penmount Crematorium, Truro. Flowers or donations for Imperial Cancer Research c/o Terence Tregunna Funeral Director, 49 Kenwyn Street, Truro.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BALDWYN - A Service of Thanksgiving for Rodney Baldwyn at Pershore Abbey on Friday February 26th at 2.30 pm.

CROCKFORD - A Memorial Service for Dr. Allen Crockford will be held in the Chapel at St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1, at 3pm on Wednesday 7th April 1993. Please apply for tickets to Mary Bonner. (071) 928-9292, ext. 2263.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HALL - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Major General E.M. Hall, C.B., M.B.E., O.L., will be held at St Cleer Parish Church, near Liskeard, on Saturday March 13th at 2.30 pm.

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FIELDHOUSE - John. Love you now and always, darling. The days are long until we meet again. Midge.

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OBITUARIES

JIMMY WRIGHT

Jimmy Wright, OBE, DFC, a blinded wartime RAF film cameraman who later made a career for himself as a film maker, died on February 12 aged 70. He was born on August 18, 1922.



Jimmy Wright with Julie Andrews and the rose named after her, at the Chelsea Flower Show last year

AMONG the many tales of rehabilitation from wartime injury and mutilation that of Jimmy Wright is surely one of the most extraordinary. When he was pulled from the blazing wreckage of a crashed reconnaissance bomber in Italy in 1944, few gave him any chance of survival — let alone survival to pursue a useful and creative career. Suffering from severe shock, deeply drugged and apparently facially disfigured beyond the recall of surgery, Wright seemed at very best to have the life of a virtual cabbage ahead of him, even if he managed not to succumb from his injuries.

At this point the devotion of two individuals was decisive for his future. One was his father, who, as a war correspondent in the Mediterranean theatre, flew to his son's hospital bedside and through his energetic intervention got him flown home to England. The other was a man whose name has become almost inseparable from the history of recovery from wartime burns — the plastic surgeon Sir Archibald McIndoe.

It has been remarked of McIndoe that had war not come when it did, he might well have made his reputation through surgical improvement of the faces and breasts of wealthy women. As it was, his tigerish nature found an outlet in the fight to sustain the will to normal life in the ruined bodies of the victims of air crashes — McIndoe's "guinea pigs" as they were to become known.

In Wright's case McIndoe's treatment involved seven years and eighty operations. Though blinded and terribly burnt, as well as having lost the full use of his hands, Wright fought his way back to normality, to resume a career as a cameraman and film maker and to put his gifts at the disposal of those who had been injured like himself. This career culminated, remarkably, in his appointment as OBE for his work on behalf of the blind in 1980, and, the following year, in a BAFTA Award for film and video work in the same cause.

James Wright was educated at Denham Lodge School and at the old Regent Street Polytechnic before starting work in a bank. Soon tiring of this, he joined the camera department of Technicolor. But war had now begun, and he offered himself to the RAF. Turned down for aircrew because of poor sight, he volunteered as a cameraman with the RAF Film Unit. In this way he got airborne, anyway, joining raids on targets over Europe and then in North Africa, filming approaches to objectives, bomb damage and, occasionally, the attacks of enemy fighters. When the Allied campaign in the Mediterranean moved over to Italy, Wright went with it.

He had several narrow escapes filming raids and reconnaissance missions over the Italian peninsula in American Martin Baltimore and Marauder bombers which were being used by the RAF, before the accident which eventually put paid to his wartime career. In February 1944 the bomber in which he was flying crashed on take-off at Taranto and he was written off for dead by those who pulled him from its burning remains.

From Italy he was flown home to the Royal Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, where, for the next seven years he was one of McIndoe's "guinea pigs". In that time McIndoe completely rebuilt Wright's face — and his confidence to face normal life again. But he was unable to save his eyes. Consequently when the staff at East Grinstead asked Wright, towards the end of the seven years, what he wanted to do when he left, they were astonished when he said: "I'm going back to making films." In 1952 he founded a company at Shepperton Studios and over the next few years produced films for the Central Office of Information as well as commercials for industry.

But dearer to him than his very successful commercial career was the work he was able to do for those disadvantaged like himself. It took him four years and £15,000, which he raised himself, to make *It's Ability That Counts*, a documentary on the sporting feats of handicapped people which was eventually networked by Thames Television in 1977. He produced a video, *Sight by Touch* for the Braille Authority in 1991 and in the previous year he had parascended across the Channel from Ramsgate to Dunkirk, to raise £6,000 for the RAF Benevolent Fund for its Battle of Britain 50th Anniversary Appeal.

He was a member of the Court of the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, and was on the committee of the Julie Andrews appeal to fight arterial disease. Last year he persuaded a rose grower to name a rose after Miss Andrews, in support for this charity, and the resulting bloom, "Julie Andrews", featured at the 1992 Chelsea Flower Show.

Wright's constant cheerfulness might have seemed a rebuke to those who allowed themselves prostration of spirits under far lesser afflictions; but he was a modest man who would never have allowed himself to think such things. His mental strength and buoyant outlook on life were innate, and not a self-conscious reaction to what he had been through.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, and by two sons.

DR E. L. MASCALL

Dr E. L. Mascall, philosopher and theologian, died on February 14 aged 87. He was born on December 12, 1905.

OF ALL the leading Anglo-Catholics within the Church of England, Eric Mascall might well have been considered the one most likely to "go over to Rome" as a result of the General Synod's decision on women priests. But, in fact, well before his death he had resolved not to do so. An Anglican to his fingertips, he had an abiding loyalty to the Church in which he was brought up — a feeling which comes out clearly in his last book, a volume of memoirs entitled *Saraband*, published at the end of last year.

An academic rather than an administrator, Mascall was never rewarded with any high office within the Church of England. It was only when he was on the verge of retirement that he was appointed Canon Theologian of Truro by the then bishop, Graham Leonard (subsquently to be Bishop of London). But, as perhaps the leading Anglican authority on St Thomas Aquinas and a respected international scholar, he played a full part in university life, being successively the Clerical Student of Christ Church, Oxford, university lecturer in the Philosophy of Religion (1946-62) and Professor of Historical Theology at King's College, London (1962-73). He was elected a fellow of the British Academy in 1974 and spent part of 1976 as a visiting professor at the Gregorian University in Rome.

In truth, Mascall was probably never cut out to occupy a deanery, still less a bishopric. He belonged to the honourable strain of lone eccentrics within the Church of England — an aspect of his personality that was fully displayed in the 16 years he spent living in Tom Quad, Christ Church. Although his duties were supposed to include those of being college chaplain, he signally failed to fulfil them. Unknown to most undergraduates, he chose to follow his own diffident, academic path as an almost Trollopian figure far removed from the evangelical fervour of the Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union or even from the international social gospel already being embraced by the Student Christian Movement.

He had enough self-knowledge to be aware of his own limitations. When the legendary Canon Claude Jenkins died in 1959 and someone remarked in the senior common room, "Well, the last of the real Oxford eccentrics has gone", his immediate response was to murmur, "Do be careful — somewhere in Oxford this evening they'll be saying that only I am left."

On his own admission, he disliked administrative or organisational activities — although he served a four-year term as Dean of the Faculty of Theology at London, he was not notably successful at it. Some of his shyness, no doubt, came from his upbringing. The product of no grand background, he was brought up as an only child in south London where he attended Latymer Upper School, coming under the influence of the senior maths master, Granville Morton Grace, who inspired him with a youthful love of mathematics, reflected in the open scholarship he won to Pembroke College, Cambridge. It was in the Mathematical Tripos that he took his degree (becoming a wrangler). The original intention had been that he should take a PhD, with a view to seeking a college fellowship, but when no such offer was forthcoming he went instead to teach mathematics at Bablake School, Coventry.

His three years there were miserable and when in 1931 he went to Ely Theological College, it was, no doubt, partially as a means of escape. By now Mascall who, as a boy, had been a keen Evangelical had become an ardent Anglo-Catholic and it was in the Anglo-Catholic parish of St Andrew's, Stockwell, that he served his title before going in 1937 to the equally "spiky" Anglo-Catholic stronghold of St Matthew's, Westminster, under the same vicar.

This pre-war period in London gave him his only experience of parish work. By 1939, when he became sub-warden of Lincoln Theological College, his career had already taken the academic fork it was to follow until his retirement. Mascall was a prolific author, writing more than 25 books, but none perhaps of the distinction his early academic attainments had seemed to promise. He was awarded a DD by Oxford in 1948 and by Cambridge in 1958. His best known theological work is probably one of his earliest ones, *He Who Is* (1943), though his later book of humorous verse, *Pi in the High* (1959), also has its admirers.

In his later years Mascall lived in a flat in the clergy house of St Mary's, Bourne Street, where he frequently preached until illness forced him to retire to a Sussex nursing home. He was unmarried.

SCOTT MEREDITH

Scott Meredith, an American literary agent who outraged the publishing world by initiating the now-common practice of auctioning manuscripts to the highest bidder, died of cancer at Manhasset, Long Island, on February 11 aged 69. He was born in New York on November 24, 1923.

AUTHORS in general, and his clients in particular, had good reason to be grateful to Scott Meredith. By circulating their work to a number of publishers and inviting competitive bids, he greatly increased the size of their advance payments (and his own commission). The staid and polite publishing world was horrified by such an outrageous manoeuvre, but had little choice but to fall into line as the practice spread.

Meredith carried out his first auction in 1952, though the name of the book involved has long since been forgotten.

According to Jack Scovil, a vice-president of the Meredith Agency: "It didn't start with one property that was super-spectacular. I suspect it was more mundane. The author needed a sale right away, and this was a device to get an answer more quickly. When Scott discovered it was a very good idea and nobody killed him for doing it, he made it part of the regular practice."

Meredith founded his literary agency with his brother Sidney in 1946, shortly after being demobilised from the US Air Force. He had wanted to be a pilot, but poor eyesight kept him out of the cockpit, and he spent the war on the staff of the Air Force magazine.

The agency got off to a flying start when P. G. Wodehouse became a client, and Meredith established a reputation as a publishing iconoclast and a tough negotiator. His combative attitude extended to other agents as well as publishers. "I'd like them all to be assassinated," he once said. "Then there would be one agent, and that's us."

Whatever the publishing industry thought of him, his clients, to whom he showed fierce loyalty, were duly grateful. They came to include such famous names as Norman Mailer, who signed on in 1963, Arthur C. Clarke, Margaret Truman, Judith Campbell Exner, and Spiro T. Agnew.

Himself a prolific writer, Meredith produced several books and a host of articles and short stories. He also edited numerous collections, mainly of humorous writing.

In 1950 he published *Writing to Sell*, a practical guide for aspiring authors which is still in print.

Scott Meredith is survived by Danuta, his wife of 48 years, one son and one daughter.

DEREK RUSSELL DAVIS

Derek Russell Davis, Emeritus Professor of Mental Health in the University of Bristol, died on February 3 aged 78. He was born on April 20, 1914.



DEREK Russell Davis was a clinical psychiatrist in Cambridge and Bristol. He conducted research on a wide range of topics, including human error in flying and other transport accidents, and studied the significance of environmental factors, particularly disturbances of the family environment, in mental disorders.

After being educated at Stowe and Clare College, Cambridge, he worked as a clinical psychiatrist in Cambridge with out-patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital and in-patients at Fulbourn Hospital. He was made Reader in Clinical Psychology at Cambridge in 1950, and in 1961 was appointed to the first Chair of Mental Health at Bristol, where he continued his work as a clinical psychiatrist.

His books and papers covered an impressive span of topics, including, in 1991, studies of major playwrights from a psychiatric point of view (published as *Scenes of Madness: a psychiatrist at the theatre*).

He had a rare ability to combine a completely unsentimental view of human behaviour with a passionate commitment to the value of human interaction. He was convinced that human beings were capable of taking their own decisions to alter their lives, which is why he viewed the automatic recourse to drug therapy, so characteristic of much modern medicine, with such scepticism. His most recent work on the prison health service was informed by the same dislike of the, all too pervasive, use of drug treatment in prisons and the same passionate commitment to more humane forms of therapy.

He faced his final illness with characteristically cheerful defiance. To the last he was a charming host and a wry observer of humanity. He is survived by his wife, Marit, a son and a daughter.

ANTONY DALE

Antony Dale, preservationist, died on January 31 aged 80. He was born in Brighton on July 10, 1912.

ANTONY Dale was a founder member, in 1945, of the Regency Society of Brighton & Hove and its honorary secretary for 45 years. His successful fight, with others, to save Brunswick Square and Adelaide Crescent, Hove, from demolition and, later, the centre of Regency Square, Brighton, from being turned into an overground car park are but two examples of what he achieved through the Regency Society.

Other achievements were the preservation of Stanmer House and Pavilion Parade, Brighton; Patcham Court Farmhouse; Hangleton Manor, Hove; and the Archway, Park Crescent, Worthing. In addition, he was instrumental, through the Regency Society, in listing and describing Brighton and Hove's buildings of special significance (later suspended by the Ministry of Housing's listing); ensuring that Regency terraces, crescents and squares are painted a uniform cream colour and the ironwork painted black; and suggesting conservation areas.

He was educated at Brighton College and Oriel College, Oxford. He was an investigator of historic buildings at the Department of the Environment and as head of the investigative team from 1961 his influence on conservation extended far outside his native Brighton. Of his books, *Fashionable Brighton* has become a standard work while *About Brighton* is regarded as one of the best books on the architecture of the town.

He leaves a widow and a daughter.



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Even when far from home the men of the Royal Navy always manage to have a jolly time. On this Christmas Day their guests were offered not only singing and dancing but a "variety of viands" not to mention champagne, various wines, "four water grog and colonial ale".

CHRISTMAS-DAY ON BOARD THE GALATEA.—Christmas-day in port on board a frigate like the Galatea, where there is a complement of well-nigh 500 men, thousands of miles away from home, was by no means to be lightly observed. The whole of the mess tables on the lower deck had been marvellously decorated with flowers, fruit, evergreens, and paper of many tints, each side of the deck showing a series of bowers of luxuriant foliage, prettily interspersed with oranges. The religious services over, the tables were lighted up with a lavish display of wax lights arranged in pretty little chandeliers, and the leafy avenues were rendered brilliant by many lamps. The ordinary fare of the mess table had given place to such a variety of viands that caterers for entertainments to Royalty might envy the tact and genius displayed. During dinner visitors, and especially the ladies, were besought, in the most winning and persuasive manner, to partake of the good things provided, and were enjoined to eat, drink, and be merry, and make themselves thoroughly at home. Compliance with the earnest and pressing invitations could scarcely be avoided, and great was the delight for "Jack" to see his guests enjoy themselves. There was a plentiful supply of diluents, ranging from champagne and various wines to "four water" grog and colonial ale. Dinner and dessert were followed by dancing on the gun-deck, and fiddles, flutes, concertinas, and accordions were kept going at a rapid rate. Then came the chairing of the officers. One after another, from the commander down to the tiniest "middy," was seized, placed on a chair lashed with two handspikes, and duly hoisted and carried round the decks in triumph. The ludicrous procession was accompanied with vocal and instrumental music, the chief burthen of which was a repeated and prolonged outburst of "He's a jolly good fellow," sung to the usual popular tune, and followed, as the delighted occupant of the chair was shot out at his cabin, with three times three rattling British cheers. When the list of officers had been exhausted, the petty officers were also treated to a taste of the triumphal entertainment, but with much less delicacy of handling; and when the spree had well-nigh run its course, the dogs belonging to various parties on board were decorated with ribands, and underwent the chairing process in a state of blank bewilderment, and with countenances on which the most comic consternation was expressed. After tea singing and dancing were resumed, and set-dances, circle-dances, and step-dances were carried on simultaneously with unflagging zest and vigour. One great feature of the day's amusement is that the boys on board are for the day promoted to the rank of men and petty officers, and these in turn take the place of the boys. Great scope is thus afforded to the youngsters to have some playful retaliation. The proceedings were full of good humour, and the visitors will not soon forget Christmas-day on board the Galatea.

—*Melbourne Argus.*

My own home on my terms

The housing market is at last adapting to the changing needs of the first-time buyer, reports Rachel Kelly

JULIAN HERBERT



Angus Kennedy: "Today's buyers have seen the damage caused to their friends and families. They will not go down the same track"

Angus Kennedy is 28, has a good job and would one day like to buy a house. Meanwhile he is happily renting. UBS Phillips & Drew estimates that there are about 150,000 young potential buyers such as Mr Kennedy, all of them stubbornly refusing to put their foot in the door of home-ownership.

Five years ago, people such as Mr Kennedy and his friends would no sooner have received their first paychecks than they would have been on their way to the building society. Figures from the Building Societies Association show that 30 per cent of buyers in Britain in the early 1980s were under 25, compared with just 4 per cent in West Germany. Happiness was securing their place on the first step of the housing ladder before prices increased.

A new generation is emerging of young people with no plans to buy in a hurry. UBS Phillips & Drew calculates that the number of first-time buyers has fallen by more than 40 per cent since 1988, with a marked absence of 18 to 24 year-olds. And this despite the most attractive rates on offer from lenders for 20 years; despite steadily rising incomes for those in work and despite steadily falling house prices.

It is not that today's *jeunesse* have given up on home ownership: every survey confirms that owning your own home continues to be seen as the ideal form of tenure.

The delay can be explained partly by fear of unemployment to which the young are proving especially vulnerable. Government figures show that the percentage of unemployed in the 20 to 24 age bracket in April last year stood at 13.1 per cent, compared with 9.6 per cent in the 25 to 29 age group and 6.6 per cent in the 30 to 39 age bracket.

There is also the fear of negative equity and further house price falls. First-time buyers typically wish to sell within three or four years as marriage and children mean they need more space. Thus the ability to move is especially important.

The effect of such fears is that would-be home-owners are getting older, adopting the pattern more common in Germany. They are staying with their parents or taking advantage of the wider availability of rented accommodation. The longer they wait before they buy, the fussier and richer they become. Slowly, the market is adapting to their requirements.

In the new homes market, builders are trying to cater for this new hardened consumer. Gone are the days when a contractor could build a row of identical box-like houses, fill them with identical fixtures and fittings and expect them to sell off plan. A survey of more than 2,000 adults by the developers Woolwich Homes, the house-building subsidiary of the Woolwich Building Society, showed that buyers are seeking more choice. They wish to choose their own cupboards, carpets and colour schemes.

Trevor Baker, the managing director of Woolwich Homes, says: "In the past, only buyers of large, individual and expensive new homes have felt they could have some influence over their purchase, but gradually greater involvement from customers is working its way down through the property price brackets."

Buyers are becoming increasingly sophisticated and prepared to talk about any physical aspect of the home as well as the whole spectrum of financial deals, Mr Baker says. "We believe this will become an accepted part of how our industry works and we have to welcome and embrace these changes in order to survive."

Other builders are offering a bespoke design service to their clients. Palace Gardens, a development by Hunting Gate homes in Royston, Hertfordshire, offers four and five-bedroom homes in which buyers will be allowed to redesign the room layout to suit their needs. A buyer, for example, could request that an extra upstairs bathroom be converted into a gym or a downstairs breakfast room be converted into an office.

Marilyn Oliver, the sales and marketing manager, says: "This tailor-made service has been developed in response to customer demand."

Naturally, the second-hand market is less flexible, and slower to reflect the changing profile of buyers. But agents report that first-time buyers are shunning one-bedroom flat conversions in favour of buying small two or three-bedroom houses.

Savills, the estate agent, reports that while house prices have gone down by 5.6 per cent over the past year, flats have fallen by 10 per cent. Yolande Barnes, the firm's head of research, says: "The price of houses has kept up relatively over the past two years because there is a scarcity of very good family homes. Would-be buyers are prepared to pay slightly more for what they see as a long-term home rather than a speculative investment."

John Wriglesworth, a housing analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, expects that great swathes of London's Victorian housing converted into flats in the 1980s to cater for first-time buyers could soon lie derelict. "I expect Fulham and Balham will become the inner-city disaster areas of the 1990s. The future lies in flat conversions being changed backed into houses, but this is much more complicated than the other way round as all the flat-owners have to club together."

Lenders, too, are reacting to the demands of people such as Mr Kennedy. He works in his family business producing reports on the confectionary trade and is content to rent a flat in north London while he saves for a larger deposit on a property of his own.

He says: "I seriously believe that there is a new breed of hardened consumer. They are going to read the small print on the mortgage forms. The new consumer is tough and not stupid. Today's buyers have seen the damage caused to their friends and families. They will not go down the same track."

Building societies have responded by bending over backwards in the deals on offer to first-time buyers: discounted rates for the first two or three years and fixed loans thereafter. At the same time, however, they have tightened up their lending criteria — 100 per cent mortgages are difficult to find, and typically a minimum 5 per cent deposit is required for a mortgage. But first-time buyers are not complaining. They would rather save than be in the lenders' thrall.

Whether such changes will be permanent depends on future house prices. If the balance of power shifts back to the sellers, lenders and builders may well return to their old ways.

Puzzle of the big talk-up

Confusing statistics make local house prices the only real guide

What is happening to the housing market? Forget the forecasts of prices a year ahead — are prices right now going up or down? Is recovery here or not? If so, where? And which of the many housing-market statistics to hit the headlines should homeowners believe?

Last week saw the latest example of confusing signals. The Halifax Building Society reported that house prices went down in January by 0.4 per cent; the Nationwide said they went up by 1.2 per cent. Which lender is right?

The Halifax and Nationwide each defends its price index as the most accurate — the Halifax because of its larger sample, the Nationwide because it believes its formula is more sophisticated. In fact, there are severe limitations to both indices, freely admitted by the lenders. Both cover only building society loans and so do not reflects the high proportion of expensive houses bought with bank loans. In addition, the average price rises or falls recorded mask regional differences. A further weakness is that about 25 per cent of sales are omitted completely from the statistics as they do not involve mortgages.

> 'We are very open: our statistics speak for themselves'

More worrying is the danger that lenders — and most others groups that produce figures about the housing market — have a commercial interest in talking up the market. Both the Nationwide and the Halifax have been over-optimistic in their analyses in the past.

Their public comments do not always tell the whole story. One lender at least is known to have a forecast compiled by its own experts indicating that house prices will fall by up to 3 per cent this year. The lender, the Halifax, disclosed the information only when pressed.

Mark Boléat, director-general of the Building Societies Association (BSA), which produces mortgage-lending figures, says that there is no question of the association manipulating information to boost confidence. "Confidence is affected by real factors, not what people say," he says. "We are totally open with statistics."

Roger Humber, the president of the House Builders Federation, has said that government ministers conducted a charm-offensive to drum up positive reaction to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and to enlist builders to increase confidence in the housing market. Builders, however, have their doubts about whether recovery has begun, but agree that it is in their commercial interests to concentrate on the positive aspects of the market.

The answer for would-be buyers? Ignore house prices nationally and treat with caution comment from lenders or builders. Instead, look at local figures. Even David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax, says ask your local estate agent about prices if you want an accurate local picture.

You could do worse than rely on less formal indicators than those from lenders, builders, analysts and even estate agents. Watch for advertisements from estate agents seeking properties to sell: they put their money where house prices are moving.

And do not ignore the Soros factor. George Soros, the American investor who made $1 billion when the pound was devalued, last month bought a 3 per cent stake in Berkeley Group, the Surrey housebuilder. His action could be a better indicator of the housing market than any statistics.

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Cells? Might one suspect a perversion? In fact, the McNultys, who live in a former magistrates' court, use the cells to store garden furniture and the children's bicycles. They have created their home by converting a police station, two police houses and the courtroom into one property.

"We've just finished decorating the courtroom, which will make a lovely drawing room once the carpet is down, with a high ceiling, 35 feet up into the roof pitch, and four tall windows," says Stephen McNulty, a solicitor. "The building is very elaborate, there is even a room in a tower with wonderful views of the Mendips. It needs a staircase for access, but it is just big enough for a book-case, a chair, a table and a decanter of sherry."

The McNultys have now decided to move to a home with more land and the property, which was built in 1857, is on the market for £200,000 through Allen & Harris.

More courthouses may well come up for sale as a result of last February's white paper *A New Framework for Local Justice*, which proposed the streamlining of the magistrates' courts system.

The fate of the courts lies in the hands of 105 local magistrates' courts committees which run them directly. The committees are not required to tell the Lord Chancellor's department, which has overall responsibility for the courts in England and Wales, of any decision to close a court so it is not easy to discover what is happening countrywide.

Some county councils, such as Somerset, have appealed to the Lord Chancellor against local committees' decisions. A response to Somerset's appeal is expected before April. If Somerset loses, six courts will close, and may be sold, at Glastonbury, Shepton Mallet, Ilminster, Wincanton, Somerton and Burnham-on-Sea.

The redundant magistrates' courts that are beginning to filter on to the market could be described as a law unto themselves. Most are elderly and imposing. Many adjoin police houses, and their architecture ranges from Gothic to Georgian country house, from Victorian school to Dutch gable.

They can certainly offer character and scope. A Leicester courthouse, an 11th century baronial hall, may become a museum, while in Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, a school is leasing the town's old court house as a classroom. The courthouse at Neston, Cheshire, has been snapped up by police for their finger-printing department.

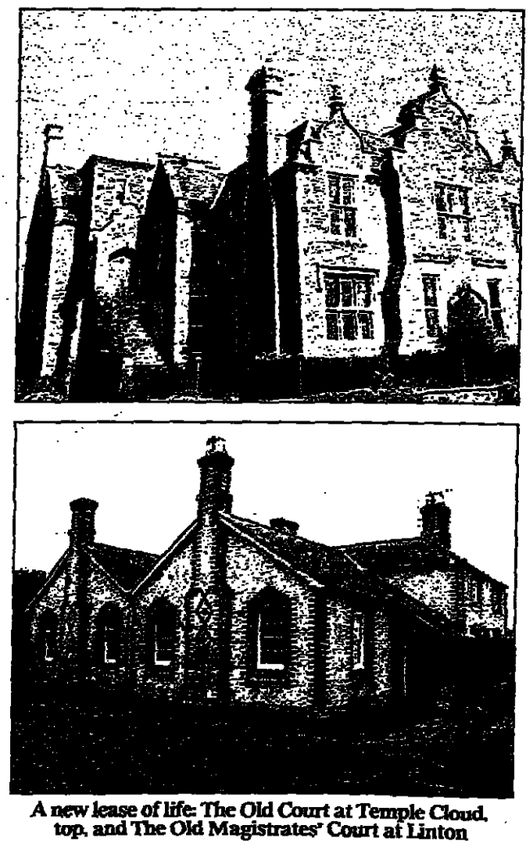
Mother Teresa of Calcutta is acquiring Lambeth magistrates' court near the Elephant and Castle in south London, through the agents Henry Davis. She plans to provide a soup kitchen, and shelter for up to 40 of the capital's homeless. The courtroom will become a dining room. Her charity is likely to sign contracts next month.

The conversion of a courtroom can be simple. The Old Magistrates' Court in Linton, near Cambridge, has been used as a spacious home and offices while being kept largely intact, right down to the two cells, which still have their wooden beds, lavatories and washbasins.

The building could comfortably house two families since it comprises two police houses and a courtroom complete with dock, and a waiting area, which still has its fitted seats and filing cupboards, although the last case was heard in 1979. The six-bedroom property stands in half an acre with 125ft of frontage on to the river Granta. The property is on sale through Bidwells of Stone Cross at a guide price of £160,000.

A former magistrates' court, police station and house in Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, would easily lend itself to commercial use since it ends a parade of shops in Sheep Street. The Grade II listed Victorian building is in its raw state. The 33ft courtroom has bench seats, a prisoners' dock and a magistrates' bench.

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The Bridewell was designed by the prison reformer John Howard to introduce more humane treatment for prisoners, who were kept in individual cells instead of being chained in large ones. It was used as a model for prisons in Liverpool, Preston and Manchester.

More courts will be filtering on to the market as reorganisation gets into its stride and as the Lord Chancellor deals with the counties' appeals. The jury are still out on whether they offer a judicious investment. Meanwhile, enjoy the extra storage space.

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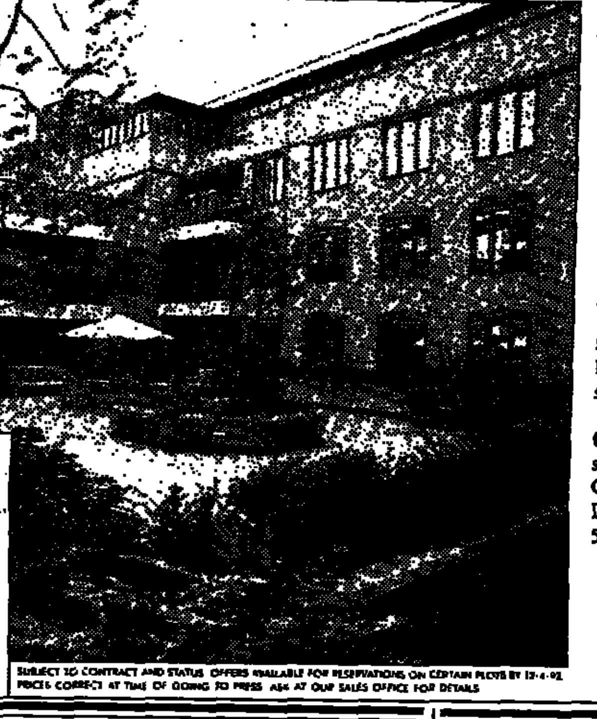
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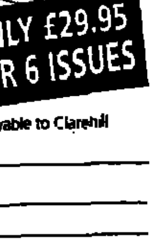
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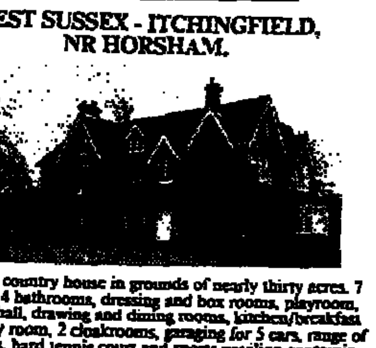
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NEWS

Reprieve for two hospitals

■ Two of Britain's most famous teaching hospitals were given a six-month stay of execution when Virginia Bottomley backed away from a drastic closure programme to revamp London's health services.

The health secretary approved five hospital closures already in the pipeline as part of a plan to cut 2,500 beds over the next five years, but she ducked final decisions on the fate of St Bartholomew's and Charing Cross..... Page 1

Woman reported seeing murdered boy

■ A woman saw two-year-old James Bulger, abducted and murdered at the weekend in Bootle, Merseyside, crying and screaming as two boys dragged him through the streets on Friday and contacted the police that night. She said that she saw the child with cuts and bruises on his head..... Page 1

Market in jitters

Wall Street panicked before President Clinton's State of the Union address, in which he was expected to announce a large rise in middle-income taxes as part of his programme to revive the US economy..... Page 1

Fighting for cash

The Salvation Army has launched a High Court action to recover about $8.8 million (£6.2 million) which it says is missing from its accounts..... Page 1

Maastricht moves

John Smith is demanding publication of the legal advice which the government believes has outmanoeuvred its opponents on the Maastricht bill..... Page 1

Gummer criticised

John Gummer was criticised by a cross-party committee for failing to declare in the Commons Register of Members' Interests more than £2,500 of work paid for by a food firm to restore a pond at his home..... Page 2

Boost for doctors

London's family doctor service is to get a £43.5 million facelift this year to fill the gap left by hospital closures and mergers. About £40 million will be spent on towards renovating existing surgeries and building new ones... Page 4

Baby injured

Nottingham Crown Court was told that a baby, whose twin sister was allegedly murdered by a nurse, was left seriously brain-damaged after being admitted for observation into the care of the same nurse..... Page 3

Reforms urged

The judge in the Thomas Ward trial called for reform of the conduct of serious fraud trials after ordering that the defendant's costs of about £2 million be borne by the Crown..... Page 7

Policing role

The United Nations is starting to adopt a more aggressive policy towards the deployment of UN troops that could turn the organisation into the policeman of the post-Cold war world..... Page 9

Unions split

Divisions emerged between teaching unions over opposition to English tests for 14-year-olds after talks with John Patten, the education secretary, ended in deadlock..... Page 6

Deputies summoned

President Yeltsin called for an emergency session of Russia's supreme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, to end a power struggle crippling the country and to concentrate on the constitution..... Page 10

Recipe for revival

President Clinton will unveil a traumatic prescription for America's long-term economic revival today, having launched a fierce pre-emptive strike on Monday night against those who will fight his programme during the coming months..... Page 11

Court puts authority in the picture

■ A man who has been pestered by the TV licensing authority for 16 years despite never having owned a television set during that period has won a victory in the Scottish Appeal Court. David Guest, an electronics engineer, said that preparations for eight court hearings had disrupted his family's life for 16 months..... Page 3

TONY WHITE



Tiny treasure: a glass dish, for holding small trinkets which was one of the items found by archaeologists in a child's grave at a Roman site in Aldgate, east London. The discoveries are being shown for the first time at the Tower Hill Pageant museum

BUSINESS

Falling profits: British Airways, not yet free of the Virgin "dirty tricks" affair, has reported an £80 million fall in first quarter profits, to £20 million, half the decline coming from the pound's devaluation since last summer..... Page 21

Shopping spree: The Merry Hill Shopping Centre, a landmark in the West Midlands comprising more than two and a half miles of shopping malls, has been bought from the receivers for more than £128 million..... Page 21

Prices tumble: Pandemonium on Wall Street caused a sharp drop on the London stock market despite some encouraging signs at home and the substantial fall left the main indicator of prices close to its worst level of the day, down almost 34 points..... Page 24

SPORT

Cricket: The England party are searching for satisfaction from their disastrous tour of India as they prepare for the third and final Test in Bombay on Friday. Keith Fletcher, the England manager, has found optimism in the final emergence at Test level of Neil Fairbrother..... Page 36

Football: England, in urgent need of improving their goal difference, will be in pursuit of a hatful when they meet San Marino at Wembley this evening..... Page 40

Odds against: San Marino's team of part-timers are quoted at 66-1 to beat England, the longest price offered against one team in a football match..... Page 40

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Hot property: Nick Moss, is not likely to turn heads even along Purley high street. What he does possess is the Moss Factor — that certain look that is fashionable now; an adolescent figure and ungroomed appearance — equal parts innocence and streetwise attitude..... Page 13

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Murderer hunters: With an array of techniques, both simple and high-technology, Det Supt Albert Kirby, a veteran of child crime cases on Merseyside and the man heading the investigation into the murder of James Bulger, is using everything in his armoury..... Page 12

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Bulletin from Berlin: Geoff Brown picks the best from the mixed bag on offer at the Berlin Film Festival. Plus a review of a French film about life in Sarajevo..... Page 31

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Private lives: The BBC guidelines recognise that the right to privacy of a public figure may be more circumscribed than that of a private person..... Page 30

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Customer demand: The housing market is at last adapting to the needs of the first-time buyer, Rachel Kelly reports..... Page 18

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Nigel Heslop became the first England rugby union player since 1988 to defect to the professional ranks when he joined Oldham
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Cla re Latimer, who has been awarded undisclosed damages, may have gone to court just in time. Legal changes seem to be on the cards
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Yasmin Gibson, the mother of the young girl left by herself at home, is said to be flying home early from her holiday in Spain
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Jesse Jackson has gone on hunger strike to try to persuade Bill Clinton to lift the ban on foreigners infected with HIV entering America
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Rowan Atkinson's simpleton is back for another half hour of near-silent comedy in *Mind the Baby, Mr Bean* (ITV, 8pm)..... Page 39

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Beyond a joke

There is a fearful symmetry between the government's new indifference to the wishes of Parliament and the possibility of an overmighty Brussels..... Page 15

Health against hubris

Mrs Bottomley has seen off the hubris of Harley Street . . . But the state of the capital's primary care a decade hence will be the true test of her resolve..... Page 15

Just not cricket

No England side has ever gone to India with such high confidence, and failed so abjectly..... Page 15

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TONY TRAVERS

The grey regimes of what was Eastern Europe would have felt at home with the administrative arrangements for the NHS. No user of health care, unless dedicated to a career in higher research, could possibly understand who is responsible for what..... Page 14

ALAN COREN

I have just been invited to set my affairs in order, kiss my wife goodbye, and join revolutionary forces with all sorts and conditions of men who are marching off to lay siege to — get this — the local post office. And the summons is irresistible, not least because Cricklewood is hardly less Irish than Dublin, so attacking the post office has a singularly stirring resonance: when I last visited the Ould Sod, you could still see the pockmarks in the breasts of the O'Connell Street caryatids..... Page 14

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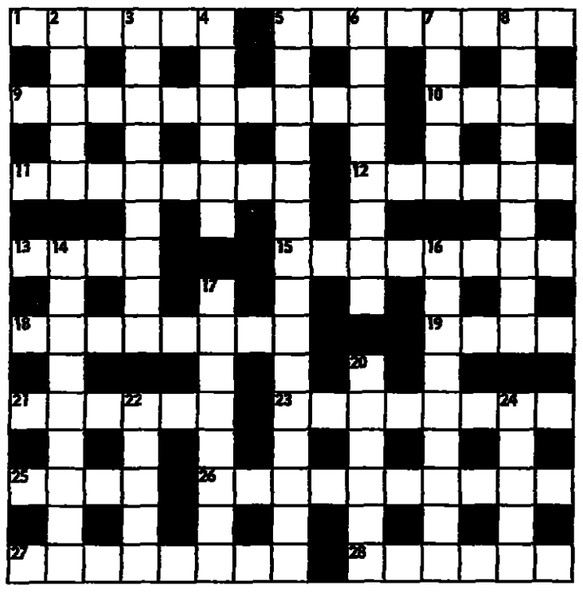
Eye surgeons compare cataract operations in Britain and the Third World..... Page 15

THE PAPERS

The prize for effrontery goes to Ali Akbar Velayati, foreign minister of Iran. Speaking on the anniversary of his government's death edict against Salman Rushdie, he complained that the West was "wrong" to link normalising relations with Iran "to the destiny of this person". He implied money matters more than principle, and Western states should betray their values to a greedy rush for trade and lucre. This from a theocratic state!

The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Crazy plot to capture aide-de-camp (6)
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WEATHER

There will be a good deal of cloud around today, especially in the north and west, with some patchy rain or drizzle at times. The northern isles and northern Scotland will have more persistent rain. Most of the rest of the country should turn a little brighter as the day goes on, perhaps with a little sunshine. It will be a mild day everywhere but it will be quite windy in the north. Outlook: rain at first, turning colder with wintry showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	f	Madrid	11	52	s
Akrotiri	12	54	r	Majorca	16	61	f
Alex'dria	14	57	c	Malaga	15	59	s
Algiers	15	59	f	Malta	13	55	f
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Athens	5	41	r	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Bahrain	17	63	s	Miami*	23	73	f
Bangkok	29	84	f	Milan	5	41	c
Barbados*	27	81	f	Montreal*	-7	19	c
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	-6	18	s
Beirut	12	54	c	Munich	-2	28	sn
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Berlin	0	32	c	Naples	8	46	f
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Borde'x	12	54	s	Nice	11	52	f
Brussels	6	43	f	Oslo	1	34	s
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Cairo	17	63	s	Perth	32	90	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	-1	30	c
Chicago*	-3	27	f	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Ch'church	17	63	s	Rhodes	12	54	f
Cologne	1	34	c	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	4	39	c	Riyadh	15	59	s
Corfu	7	45	c	Rome	9	48	s
Dublin	10	50	c	Salzburg	0	32	c
Dubrovnik	10	50	s	S P'lsco*	13	55	f
Faro	16	61	s	Santiago*	30	86	s
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Funchal	18	64	f	St'kholm	3	37	f
Geneva	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	-1	30	sn
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Sydney	28	79	f
Helsinki	1	34	c	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	22	72	f	Tel Aviv	15	59	f
Innsbruck	1	34	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
Istanbul	3	37	f	Tokyo	14	57	s
Jeddah	25	77	s	Toronto*	0	32	f
Karachi	29	84	s	Tunis	13	55	c
L Palmas	21	70	s	Valencia	16	61	s
La Toust	6	46	s	Vanc'ver*	3	37	s
Lisbon	12	54	s	Venice	6	43	s
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	0	32	c
London	7	45	c	Warsaw	-1	30	s
L Angels*	15	59	c	Wash'ton*	6	43	f
Luxembg	0	32	c	Wel'ton	16	61	s
				Zurich	-1	30	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,032.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Teignmouth, Devon, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 8.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.09	8	46	cloudy
Anglesey	3.4	0.25	9	48	bright
Aviemore	0.2	0.18	6	43	rain
Belfast	0.2	0.17	7	45	bright
Birmingham	-	0.02	8	46	cloudy
Bognor Regis	0.8	-	8	46	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.6	-	9	48	bright
Bristol	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Buxton	0.1	0.02	6	43	fog
Cardiff	-	0.04	8	46	rain
Clacton	0.1	0.01	6	43	drizzle
Cromer	0.1	-	6	43	dull
Douglas	-	0.04	7	45	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.4	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Exmouth	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
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Glasgow	0.2	0.05	8	46	shower
Guernsey	6.5	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	3.7	-	8	46	bright
Hunstanton	0.1	0.02	5	41	shower
Jersey	8.4	-	11	52	sunny
Kinloss	-	0.17	7	45	rain
Leeds	2.6	-	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	-	0.37	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	0.6	-	8	46	fog
Liverpool	0.2	0.03	7	45	fog
London	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.1	-	6	43	cloudy
Manchester	1.0	0.03	7	45	rain
Margate	X	-	6	43	fog
Minehead	-	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Morecambe	0.9	0.01	7	45	cloudy
Newcastle	0.7	-	8	46	cloudy
Newquay	X				
Nottingham	-	0.06	7	45	rain
Penzance	-	-	12	54	dull
Plymouth	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Poole	1.6	-	11	52	bright
Prestwick	0.4	0.16	7	45	rain
Scarborough	1.9	-	8	46	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	dull
Shanklin	2.0	-	10	50	bright
Southsea	1.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.05	8	46	shower
Swanage	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.6	-	12	54	bright
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Weymouth	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
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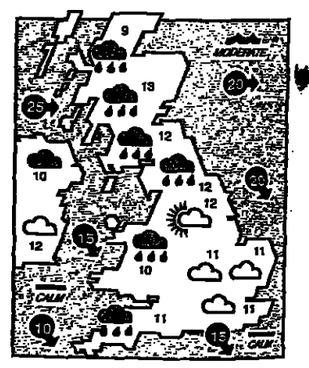
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Australia $	2.20	2.00
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20
Belgium Fr	50.90	47.50
Canada $	1.93	1.77
Denmark Kr	9.88	8.88
Finland Mrk	9.07	8.27
France Fr	8.50	7.80
Germany Dm	2.505	2.305
Greece Dr	340.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	11.83	10.83
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Italy Lira	2335.00	2170.00
Japan Yen	190.25	171.25
Netherlands Gld	2.83	2.60
Norway Kr	10.64	9.84
Portugal Esc	227.50	209.50
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	175.00	162.00
Sweden Kr	11.34	10.54
Switzerland Fr	2.31	2.19
Turkey Lira	13800.0	12600.0
USA $	1.53	1.405

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 5.19 pm to 6.09 am
Bristol 5.29 pm to 6.18 am
Edinburgh 5.21 pm to 6.31 am
Manchester 5.23 pm to 6.21 am
Penzance 5.44 pm to 6.28 am

Sun rises: 7.11 am
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Moon rises 4.55 am
Moon sets 1.22 pm
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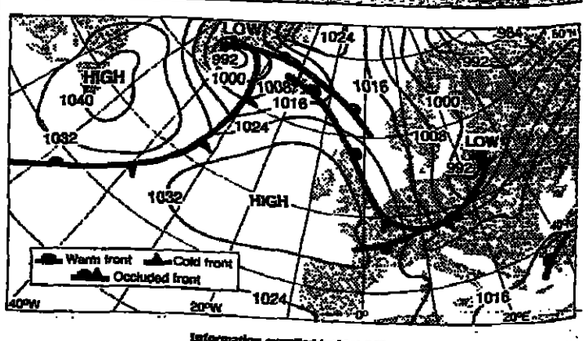
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B'rmgham	8	46	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	8	46	c	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	9	48	f	London	7	45	c
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'chester	7	45	c
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	10	50	f
Glasgow	10	50	c	R'nldsway	10	50	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.45	6.0	11.16	6.1	Liverpool	8.19	7.7	8.56	7.7
Aberdeen	10.35	3.5	11.22	3.5	Lowestoft	6.50	2.1	6.56	2.1
Avonmouth	3.48	10.2	4.27	10.4	Margate	9.07	4.0	9.31	4.0
Belfast	8.05	3.0	8.40	3.0	Milford Haven	3.11	5.5	3.46	5.5
Cardiff	3.33	9.8	4.12	9.8	Newquay	2.08	5.8	2.44	5.5
Devonport	2.16	4.4	2.55	4.3	Oban	3.17	3.1	4.36	3.0
Dover	8.11	5.4	8.46	5.5	Penzance	1.27	4.4	2.02	4.3
Fatmouth	1.46	4.2	2.25	4.1	Portland	3.17	1.4	4.03	1.3
Glasgow	9.56	4.1	10.38	3.9	Portsmouth	8.21	3.9	9.09	4.1
Harwich	8.50	3.3	9.18	3.3	Shoreham	8.07	4.9	8.53	5.1
Holyhead	7.41	4.7	8.22	4.6	Southampton	8.09	3.8	8.50	4.0
Hull	3.17	5.9	3.38	6.2	Swansea	2.56	7.5	3.35	7.5
Ilfracombe	2.53	7.2	3.31	7.2	Tees	12.38	4.3	12.58	4.4
King's Lynn	3.33	5.0	3.51	5.2	W'ton-on-Nze	8.44	3.5	9.14	3.5
Leith	11.43	4.5							

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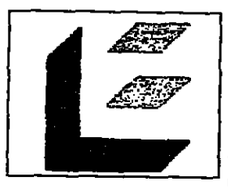


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US $ .....1.4472 (+0.0285)
German mark..2.3669 (+0.0154)
Exchange index..... 76.9 (+0.8)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2612.2 (-33.7)
Dow Jones ...3325.16 (-67.27)*
Nikkei Avg ..16916.32 (-201.67)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-6 1/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.93-2.91%*
Long Bond..... 7.12%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4475*	£:$	1.4470
$:DM	1.6322*	£:DM	2.3651
$:SWfr	1.5065*	£:SWfr	2.1814
$:Fr	5.5315*	£:Fr	8.0130
$:Yen	119.72*	£:Yen	173.27
£:SDR	n/a	£:ECU	1.2159

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.20 ..... PM 329.45
Close 331.65-332.15
New York:
Comex 332.55-333.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....137.9 January (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Clinton tax plans send Dow sliding

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

■ **Fears that President Clinton's economic plans will tax people and corporations so heavily that US recovery will be badly affected sent Wall Street shares tumbling**

WALL Street plunged yesterday as American investors fled from President Clinton's new economic plan, which many fear could fracture the US recovery unless there is a further cut in interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 85 points by lunchtime, recovering to a fall of 65 within two hours of the close.

Less than two weeks ago, the Dow touched a record 3442.15, after a four-month rise that straddled the US election and became known as the Clinton rally. At that time, a number of Wall Street experts told investors there was nothing to fear from a Clinton administration.

David Shulman, of Salomon Brothers, the investment bank, said: "The romance between Clinton and Wall Street is over. The market doesn't like the tax part of his policies. Its too much, to soon."

Pharmaceuticals, such as Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham and Wellcome, led the fall on fears that profits would be hit by Mr Clinton's drug price crackdown. He has singled out drug companies in his healthcare reforms and on Friday described prices charged by the industry, a darling on Wall Street, as "shocking".

But also down was Hanson, the Anglo-American conglomerate, on fears of an energy tax that could add £250 million to the cost of its US coal production. BP and Shell retreated amid speculation of a petrol tax rise.

"The president is proposing a serious fiscal drag on the economy by increasing revenues rather than cutting spending," said Michael Metz, investment strategist for Oppenheimer, the stockbrokers. Sentiment was not helped by tumbling markets in Tokyo and London and the New York Stock Exchange's "collar", triggered after any 50-point movement, failed to stop the fall.

President Clinton denied that a plunge in the financial markets was a negative reaction to his proposals. He told reporters: "The bond markets are a better indicator and that response has been very positive. I think the business community, those people who have come in here [the White House] from the business community who actually know pretty well what's in this program, have responded very positively to it."

Bond market prices were rising yesterday, pushing yields to ten-year lows and indicating a interest rate cut could be on the way. Gail Dudack, equity strategist with SG Warburg in New York, said that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, indicated to Congress a few weeks ago that he would be willing to cut interest rates further to support the recovery. "It looks like they may use this to balance what the market thinks will be a drag on the recovery," she said.

"What spooked the market was the sudden cut in the level at which income tax increases would come in, coupled with the scepticism over whether Mr Clinton can really control the budget deficit. Investors were selling cyclical stocks, but the investment tax credit is likely to be good for high-tech companies," she added.

Analysts say Mr Clinton's statement to America on Monday night — which will be detailed later today in his State of the Union address — indicates that everyone earning more than $30,000 a year will pay higher taxes. He dropped the level of taxable income to which some large increases will apply from $200,000 to $100,000 and has indicated that the millionaire's surtax will start at $250,000 and not $700,000 a year.

Mr Sulman added: "It was the so-called millionaire's tax that caused some of the pain." Thousands of stockbrokers and investment bankers on Wall Street earn more than $1 million a year.

☐ Share prices on the London stock market were dragged sharply lower in late trading by news of the opening setback for the Dow Jones average (Michael Clark writes).

The FT-SE 100 index, down less than 10 points at 3pm, eventually closed 33.7 off at 2,812.2 as investors rushed to the sidelines, anxiously awaiting President Clinton's speech later today.

Brokers described the setback as a mark down and reported minimal selling pressure as only 634 million shares changed hands. But they said that conditions are likely to remain volatile until the contents of the speech have been digested.

Most appeared to be taking a relaxed view, pointing out that Wall Street had been looking overvalued and was due a reaction at some stage.

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Point of sale: Roy, left, and Don Richardson, who built the Merry Hill shopping centre

Chelsfield buys Merry Hill centre

CHELSFIELD, the private property group run by Elliott Bernerd, is to buy the Merry Hill shopping centre from the receivers of Mountleigh Group, the property trader, for more than £128 million (Carl Mortished writes).

The centre, 98 per cent let, contains 260 shops in Dudley, West Midlands. Retail tenants include Marks and Spencer, Debenhams, C&A and BhS. According to KPMG Peat Marwick, the receivers, current rental income of £10.5 million will rise to £14 million in 1994.

Chelsfield is believed to have outbid the O'Connor Group, a US rival, which pulled out of an earlier deal, allegedly over fears that the site was contaminated. KPMG says studies from independent consultants show the site complies with all current and likely environmental legislation.

Stephen James, of KPMG, said the sale would be good news for Mountleigh's creditors including Don and Roy Richardson, the Birmingham brothers who built Merry Hill. They were owed £24 million from the sale of the centre to Mountleigh.

Part of the Merry Hill funding is coming from a Chelsfield shareholder but Mr Bernerd says the money is not coming from the UK.

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BA dives to £20m in third quarter

BY GEORGE SIVELL CITY EDITOR

SIR Colin Marshall, the new chairman of British Airways, says the forthcoming investment in Qantas Airways will take its borrowings near the upper limit of acceptability but no decision had been taken on a cash call.

BA revealed a fall in third-quarter profits from £100 million to just £20 million, bringing pre-tax profits for the nine months to end-December down to £247 million, against £285 million last time.

The airline blamed the devaluation of the pound for more than half the fall and the rest on recession-driven overcapacity, price cutting and the absence of first-class and business passengers.

Sir Colin said: "At this moment in time there is no need to raise capital but we are scheduled to invest £300 million in Qantas during March. This raises the issue again and pushes up our gearing ratio to around 70 per cent, which is the level generally recognised as the top end of what we find acceptable. A lot of airlines have higher gearing than that.

"But there is a sort of anticipation we may go for a capital-raising exercise. But we have taken no decision and are keeping the matter under review."

On prospects, BA says "trading conditions remain difficult", pointing out that growth is only being seen in economy-class passengers. However, benefits from the weak pound are beginning to show and progress continues in cost cuts. BA says the fourth quarter is invariably the weakest.

Analysis are forecasting a fourth-quarter loss and expect about £200 million for the full year, against £285 million.

BA is not commenting on the settlement of its dispute with Virgin Airlines. It has agreed with Richard Branson not to comment until settlement is reached.

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Bank sees inflation hovering under 4%

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE government still has some way to go before it can argue that its has met the objective of beating inflation, the underlying rate of which is likely to hover between 3 and 4 per cent over the next two years, according to the Bank of England in the first of its special quarterly inflation reports on the economy.

Although the report stopped short of making overt policy recommendations, its analysis suggested it is the Bank's view that it would be difficult to sustain a case for lower interest rates, until there was new evidence on the economy that would justify such a move, and that the government should prevent any further inflationary fall in the exchange rate.

The report said that the risks are greater that inflation could exceed this forecast than dip below it and, therefore, breach the government's 1 to 4 per cent target range.

The largest risks to inflation could come from a further fall in sterling and lack of action on the public sector deficit, which could fuel inflationary expectations and therefore wage demands. "Expectations of inflation have not yet adjusted to levels compatible with the target range for inflation of 1 per cent to 4 per cent. Such a target range would mean that at this stage of the cycle, inflation would be expected to be nearer 1 per cent than 4 per cent. The reverse is the case," the report said.

The report suggested that the government should take care to make its determination to continue fighting inflation clear in order to influence broader inflationary expectations.

One Bank official said that the private sector had not yet been convinced of this. The report also suggested that the government should signal that it is prepared to take action to steadily bring down the public deficit.

The Central Statistical Office said yesterday that the government had repaid a net £3.8 billion in January, much larger than the financial markets had expected. Gilt-edged issues soared after the news, but economists cautioned against reading too much into one month's figures.

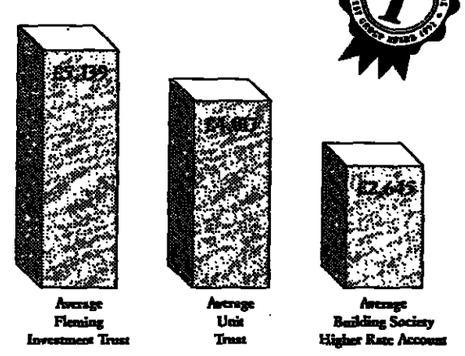
Ian Shepherdson, of Midland Global Markets, noted that lower than expected spending in the month was likely to be reversed in February, and that he still expected the public sector borrowing requirement to end the year at £38 billion, above the government's projection of £37 billion.

Manufacturing production fell for the third successive year in 1992, according to CSO figures. Factory output rose 0.1 per cent in December, compared with November, but fell 0.8 per cent in 1992 as a whole. Industrial production, which includes North Sea oil output, fell 0.1 per cent in December, but was 0.6 per cent higher in the fourth quarter than in the fourth quarter of 1991.

☐ Fear of unemployment means 50 per cent of the working population are less willing to take on further borrowing, a larger proportion than six months ago, and only 4 per cent of those surveyed by Barclaycard said they planned to take out a mortgage in the next six months. Three per cent planned to apply for a credit card, according to a regular survey compiled for Barclaycard by Gallup.

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Coal is the test of government intentions



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Should tomorrow's underlying unemployment figures stay below the symbolic three million mark, the government can thank a few of its more tiresome backbenchers. Had they not obliged ministers to rethink the October plan for instant and massive pit closures, up to 40,000 more people might be on the dole, without much prospect of their status being seasonally adjusted. Sadly, the rebels may achieve little more than fudge and delay.

The fundamental review of the energy market supposedly undertaken by the energy department within Michael Heseltine's DTI has proved far from fundamental. It has looked for palliatives, balked at difficulties and assumed that the policies that led logically to the further halving of the coal industry were right and inviolate. The new softer position, previewed in this column four weeks ago, was a poor thing, but gave time. Ministers seemed to have found a big extra demand for deep-mined British coal, but most was temporary, relying on slowing the run-down of stocks. Ministers have not backed British Coal but merely tried to cover their own backs.

Even the DTI proposals appear to have been too much for others in the cabinet. The arguments are more about principle and privatisation than the best way to ensure the health of an important British industry. If the DTI is lukewarm about British coal, others of our leaders remain hostile.

By contrast, look at what is happening in Germany. Ruhrkohle is planning to shed 16,000 jobs over the next few years, about half the cuts envisaged here, as part of its plan to reduce capacity below 38 million tonnes a year by the year 2001. German companies might still be producing nearly 60 million tonnes of deep-mined coal then and employing, perhaps, 90,000 people.

The October plan had British Coal output falling rapidly to less than 40 million tonnes a year with the loss of more than 30,000 jobs, more than half the workforce. The plan likely to emerge from cabinet next week may add less than 10 million tonnes in five years' time and not make much difference at all by the end of the century.

Yet German coal sells at almost £120 a tonne, three times the new average price of British coal. It has to be subsidised by power users, industrial customers and state and local government. Klöckner, a troubled second-rank German steelmaker, reckons it could save £25 million a year simply by switching two steelworks to British coal. What are we playing at? We should not follow the model of Germany, which has few of its own energy sources, by imposing costs on industry or pledging huge permanent subsidies to keep unemployment down. We should be using as much ingenuity, hard work and muscle as our continental rivals to back our own viable industries.

The trade and industry select committee did adopt this attitude. Its proposals were well thought out, realistic and probably cheaper for both taxpayers and power users than the government's unimaginative ideas. As British Coal has rather hamfistedly pointed out, they did not go far enough, because of the committee's desire to maintain unanimity.

The committee rightly called for some vulgar horse-trading with the two big generators, electricity distributors, gas generators and the French electricity monopoly. Much more could be done. British Gas would surely surrender some gas contracts to be left in peace, at no cost to the consumer. Community partners that subsidise uneconomic coal industries should be persuaded to agree anti-dumping suits against some coal imports to make way for British coal. Old nuclear power stations should be phased out in a co-ordinated way to make room for coal at the right moments.

There are plenty of means if the desired end is clear. That end is not some fair deal for salt-of-the-earth miners but the long-term development of a large economic coal industry in tandem with our North Sea interests. This is the critical test of the government's assertion that it will back British industry by intervention but not by subsidy from taxpayers. Far more than over DAF or the property or construction industries, the important cards are in the government's hands. It should play them.

Rule changes help Hanson to £236m in first quarter

■ Lord Hanson's transatlantic combine has spied some signs of an economic upturn in its latest trading statement but no indication of any such good news for Britain

BY SARAH BAGNALL

HANSON, the Anglo-American conglomerate, reported a 4.4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £236 million in the first quarter to end-December. However, without the benefit of a new accounting rule the profit gain would have been wiped out.

In addition, the comparable figures last time need to be adjusted to reflect the movement in sterling and the dollar, which provided a £14 million currency boost.

As a result, the underlying trend in the company's profits is a 10.6 per cent fall from an adjusted £240 million to an adjusted £216 million. This is the second year running that Hanson has reported a quarter-on-quarter fall. Under a new accounting rule, Hanson's latest quarterly results include a £20 million profit on the sale of Weber Aircraft.

Hanson, a barometer of the state of the economies on both sides of the Atlantic, said that while there was some sign of a slow recovery in America, Britain remained in the doldrums. The shares ended the day 4p down at 250p, having risen 1p on the news.

Beazer, the aggregates and building products business acquired in December 1991, made a modest contribution to profits.

Sales continued their upward trend in the first quarter, advancing 10 per cent to £2.3 billion. Lord Hanson, the chairman, indicated that operating margins were under pressure. "As expected, the new year has begun with lower operating margins than in the comparable quarter last year." However, the extent of any decline is unknown because the quarterly results give no details of net interest paid or received.

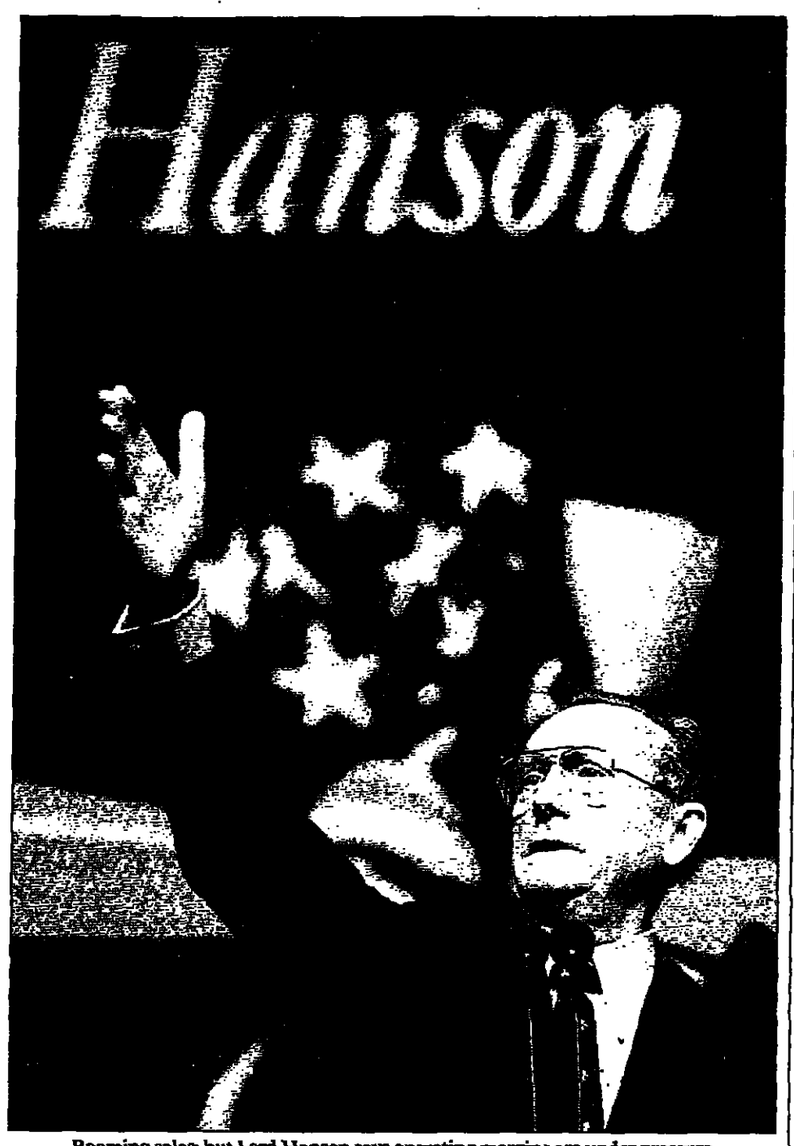
Analysts highlighted Hanson's tax charge of £98 million, against £60 million last time, as "surprising". Charles Pick, a conglomerates analyst at Nomura, said that the 27.5 per cent tax charge was two points above the level indicated by Derek Bonham, Hanson's chief executive, at the preliminary results stage last December.

The company said the tax charge was a "return to more normal levels", and as a result, diluted earnings per share dropped 10 per cent to 3.5p. The company's tax charge for the full year to end-September 1992 was £197 million, down from £258 million, because Hanson moved to quarterly dividends this time last year. As expected, Hanson has maintained the quarterly dividend at 2.85p.

Peabody, a US subsidiary, is still suffering from a strike, affecting 44 per cent of its capacity. However, because the strike, now in its second week, is between the union and the US coal producers, its resolution is out of Hanson's hands, Mr Taylor said.

Peabody is also waiting for a ruling on its legal dispute with Costain, the construction group, concerning Costain's cancellation of the sale of its Australian coal-mining business.

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Booming sales: but Lord Hanson says operating margins are under pressure

Court rules on ICS claims

BY SARA MCCONNELL

WIDOWS and widowers will be able to make or continue with claims to the Investors' Compensation Scheme after their spouse dies, a court ruled yesterday.

A surviving spouse could be eligible for up to £96,000 under the scheme, or £48,000 per person. Previously, the maximum a surviving spouse could claim was £48,000. In the High Court, Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Tuckey accepted that it was "absurd" that applications for compensation could not be made or continued by a surviving spouse or descendents.

Applications for two judicial reviews of ICS rules were made by Barnett Sampson, solicitors, for about 700 elderly clients who had lost money on home income plans. The ruling will also apply to those who have already received compensation and to investors who lost money through other investments. The court rejected an application to compel the ICS to include damages for distress and compensation for funds spent by claimants in ignorance of their true financial position.

BAA talks to London Electricity about deal

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

LONDON Electricity is in negotiations with BAA about acquiring an interest in the airport authority's electricity distribution assets at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports. The deal would involve the acquisition of the electricity distribution systems, including cables, switch systems and transformers, outside the airport terminals. It is estimated to be worth tens of millions of pounds.

As a private distribution network, it would be a significant addition to London's businesses that fall outside the control of Offerthe electricity regulator. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, London Electricity said the two companies have entered into a non-legally binding heads of agreement as a framework for negotiation and to enable London to conduct further due diligence investigations.

If the negotiations are successful, the two expect to reveal details of the proposed transaction, including its financial effects, next month. The deal would not affect the supply of electricity to the airports, which is currently supplied under contracts from three of the other regional companies.

Nigel Hawkins, electricity analyst at Hoare Govett, said the deal was "part of a trend of electricity companies wishing to be less dependent on core earnings."

Meanwhile, Southern Electric hopes to save £15 million a year after signing a new flexible working agreement with staff. The deal will mean the end of overtime payments. Some staff will see their pay packets fall in value by as much as 10 per cent even after an inflation-busting 2.9 per cent pay rise from April, and a one-off average £200 payment to staff for accepting the new working arrangements.

To achieve the £15 million savings by the mid nineties, Southern will also be forced to shed some of its 5,000 engineering, clerical and craftsmen staff. However, the bulk of the savings will come from an end to overtime payments and the introduction of new customer information computer systems.

Southern claims the agreement, which follows the end of 40 years of national bargaining in the electricity industry in January, is the first of its kind among the UK regional supply companies.

The other 11 regional supply companies are negotiating with staff over new working practices, also likely to be implemented in April.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pentland expands with £4m Berghaus buy

PENTLAND, the British sports goods group that sponsored Sir Ranulph Fiennes's Antarctic expedition, has bought the Berghaus mountaineering equipment group for £4 million. In addition, Pentland is taking over £3 million of Berghaus borrowings. Berghaus, with two main plants in Washington, Tyne and Wear, also makes specialist hiking and mountaineering clothing. Sales were £20 million in the year to end-June.

A Pentland spokesman declined to say if Berghaus made losses in that period, but said Berghaus was profitable now. He said gearing would be reduced, but would not reveal its present level. Berghaus has subsidiaries in Germany and Italy, and Pentland says it sees opportunities for penetrating the European specialist outdoor market. Pentland's sponsorship of the Antarctic expedition "ran well into six figures", according to the spokesman, although the group has never given a precise figure.

GPA faces new rival

GPA Group, the financially troubled Irish aircraft leasing company, is to face competition for new and second-hand planes from UAL, parent company of United Airlines. UAL, which lost more than $1 billion last year and wants to limit orders of new jets from Boeing, has formed UAL Leasing Corporation to sell and lease aircraft surplus to its requirements. Paul Turk, a US-based aviation analyst, said: "The planes United will put into the market are the same type which constitute the principle product of GPA."

St Modwen lifts payout

ST MODWEN Properties is raising the dividend from 0.55p to 0.6p per share for the year to end-November, despite lower profits of £1.7 million, compared with £2.1 million in 1991. Rental income was up 22 per cent to £7.1 million and the company now claims an annual rent roll of £7.5 million. Stan Clarke, chairman, forecasts further increases in rental income this year. St Modwen's investment portfolio was valued at £88 million at the year-end, compared with borrowings of £41 million. Net asset value per share fell 9 per cent to 35p.

Greenwich loss grows

PRE-TAX losses at Greenwich Resources, the gold mining group, deepened to £697,000 (£108,000 profit) in the year to end-September. The group suffered a first half pre-tax loss of £558,000. There was a £337,000 exceptional charge relating to the financial restructuring of United Goldfields Corporation, the group's Australian subsidiary, and redundancy costs. The loss per share increases to 1p, against a deficit of 0.2p a share last time. Again, there is no dividend. The shares lost 1¼p to 8¼p.

Ball gives profit warning

SHARES in AH Ball, the Surrey civil engineer, fell 30p to 75p after deteriorating trading conditions forced it to issue a profits warning. The reduction in activity, an anticipated 3 per cent loss in the gross margin and lower interest income are likely to result in the outcome for the full year showing little or no improvement over that of the first six months. Ball made a pre-tax profit of £407,000 (£524,000) in the six months to end-September 1992. The directors anticipate proposing a final net dividend of 3.3p a share.

Whessoe bid progresses

WHESSOE, the engineer and instrumentation company, has acquired shares, or interests over shares, giving it control of well over two thirds of the equity in Autronica, the Norwegian instrumentation group. Earlier this month, Whessoe launched a surprise £21.8 million bid for Autronica. The offer conditions will be satisfied when the options over 56.8 per cent are exercised by Whessoe and after approval by the Norwegian regulatory authorities and Whessoe's shareholders, who meet next Wednesday.

Bickering casts doubt over DAF rescue deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

DUTCH sources close to the company are increasingly uncertain about rescue plans for the Dutch-Belgian arm of DAF as Renault, the French car and truck maker, yesterday denied Dutch press stories that it wants to take over DAF's van-making facilities in Birmingham.

"There has been a gradual change here this week. It's by no means certain there will be a new company," one Dutch source said.

The agonising wait for 5,000 workers in Eindhoven and 1,147 in Westerlo, Flanders, continues as the creditor banks to the old company try to win back as much as possible from any sale of viable assets, while Dutch and Belgian banks prepared to finance the new DAF, want to pay as low a price as possible.

The Dutch government still appears prepared to invest 225 million guilders (£86 million) in a new company, with a large part of the new capital converted into shares. However, the Flemish regional government, which had committed itself to giving 110 million guilders is now threatening to reduce the aid unless at least 1,000 jobs at Westerlo are saved. Both the receivers and commercial banks involved, including ABN/Amro, the Dutch giant, say this is impossible.

In Brussels, Karel Van Miert, the Flemish socialist now in charge of EC competition policy, has said state aid to the new company will be looked on favourably if commercial banks are ready to put in money as well. If the Dutch and Belgian governments suddenly start bickering over how much money they will commit, banks may get cold feet about the project altogether.

Freso Meeter and Louis Deterink, the two Dutch lawyers overseeing the bankruptcy of the old DAF company, have said that at least 40 per cent of the 1.3 billion guilders needed for a new DAF should be converted into equity.

Neither of the lawyers has given any assurances that the Leyland arm will go on supplying a new DAF. "Only if we think we need them," Mr Meeter said last week.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ACCOUNT DIRECTION LTD (In Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at the office of Baker Tilly, Chapel House, Westmead Drive, Westlea, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 7UW on 2nd March 1993 at 10.00 o'clock, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on by or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to us at the address show above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and
b. there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf
Dated this 15th day of February 1993.
PJR Souster and PJ Dickerson Joint Administrative Receivers
NOTE. Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the Administrative Receivers at the address shown above.

ALYSOUN, LIGHT & LIGHT ATTORNEYS AT LAW
GIVE NOTICE That Raymond & Wendy DeVere-Austin, Lord & Lady of Bradwell, Now bear the title of The Baron & Baroness DeVere-Austin of Devin Lord & Lady of Bradwell.

(A) TURNFORD GROUP (HOLDINGS) PLC. (B) TURNFORD PLANT HIRE COMPANY LIMITED. (C) TURNFORD SURFACING COMPANY LIMITED. (D) TURNFORD LIGHTING COMPANY LIMITED. (E) TURNFORD ROADSTONE COMPANY LTD. (F) R.M.W. CONTRACTS LTD.
Registered numbers: (A) 2571798. (B) 1172940 (C) 990626 (D) 1909626 (E) 2324743 (F) 2100850. Nature of business: (A) None, (B) Plant Hire, (C) Surfacing Contractors (D) Lighting Contractors (E) Asphalt Manufacturers (F) Surfacing Contractors. Trade classification: Division 5/23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: David A Ralph and Richard Moore (office holder nos: 5930 and 6810) Moore Stephens St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4BN

BRITANNIA STUDIOS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 12nd Floor, London, W2 6LF, on Tuesday the 2nd day of March, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 10th day of February 1993.
Paul Forrester, Director.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
J.M. REYNOLDS DEVELOPMENT CO LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Forte Post House Hotel, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex SS14 3DG on 5th March 1993 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require
Dated the 12th February 1993
By order of the Board
J.M Reynolds, Director.

LANCASTER & WINTER LIMITED
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 that:-
(a) By written resolution of the above named Company ("the Company") made pursuant to Section 381A of and Schedule 15A to the Companies Act 1985 dated and effective on 12th February 1993 and which was effective as a special resolution of the Company a payment out of capital for the purpose of the Company acquiring by purchase from a member 33,000 "A" Ordinary Shares of £1 each in its capital was approved;
(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £20,694.00;
(c) The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 12th February 1993 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Brownroyd Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire; and
(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 at any time within the five weeks immediately following 12th February 1993 for an order prohibiting the payment.
12th February 1993
W Emmerson,
Company Secretary.
Eversheds Hepworth & Chadwick
Cloth Hall Court
Infirmary Street
LEEDS LS1 2JB

No. 00684 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the matter of
WEBASTO HOLDINGS LIMITED
- and -
In the matter of
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1st February 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (i) the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £10,000,000 to £9,685,840 (ii) the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the Company and (iii) the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the Capital Redemption Reserve of the Company
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 3rd day of March 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 17th day of February 1993.
Messrs. Needham & James
Windsor House
Temple Row
Birmingham B2 5LF
Solicitors
for the above-named Company.
Ref:ARR/DRW/cls/R02023P04

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
SUNLEC LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: Unit 1 Colne Way Court, Colne Way, Watford, Herts WD2 4NE
Company Number: 1861196
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 28 January 1993 David L Morgan was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference:-
NDN/GXH/
Touche Ross & Co., P O Box 810 Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE MATTER of
Future World Computers Limited
Nature of Business: Home video consoles and software retail.
Administration Order made: 2 February 1993, Milton Keynes County Court. Joint Administrators: Peter Robert Hamblin Office Holder No: 0/007990/1 and Brian James Hamblin Office Holder No: 0/002086/1.

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NO. 00299 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MICKLEGATE GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 15th January 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on 10th day of March 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 17th day of February 1993.
Hammond Suddards (Ref: PEJ) 2 Park Lane, LEEDS LS3 1ES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2417609
Registered in England
SZERELMEY COX (LONDON) LIMITED
Former company name: London Stone Limited. Nature of business: Restoration, cleaning and preservation of stone buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2532425
Registered in England
WHITEHEAD'S CONTRACTING LIMITED
Trading name: Whitehead's. Nature of business: Restoration, cleaning and preservation of stone buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 1958582
Registered in England
RENOFORS (GB) LIMITED
Nature of business: Conservation and restoration of timber and general painting/decorating. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041) Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 1881401
Registered in England
NIGEL COX LIMITED
Trading name: Nigel Cox Stonework. Nature of business: Restoration, cleaning and preservation of stone buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041) Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 1069433
Registered in England
SZERELMEY (RESTORATION) LIMITED
Nature of business: Restoration and preservation of buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos. 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2384358
Registered in England
THE STONE GROUP LIMITED
Nature of business: Restoration, cleaning and preservation of buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: T R Harris and C J Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041) Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2003193
Registered in England
HARVEY DAMER LIMITED
Trading name: Harvey Damer. Nature of business: Stonecutting. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041) Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2407227
Registered in England
HARLYFORD HOLDINGS LIMITED
Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: 98. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 1842156
Registered in England
SZERELMEY (GB) LIMITED
Nature of business: Restoration and preservation of buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

Notice of appointment of Liquidator Voluntary winding up Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2242737.
Name of company: I.D.F Italian Discount Furniture Limited.
Nature of business: Furniture Dealers. Address of registered office: A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Liquidator: R.A. Segal A Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder no: 002685 Date of appointment: 8 February 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date, 8 February 1993.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CANTERBURY GRAPHICS (KENT) LTD. IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holtwell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Canterbury Graphics (Kent) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 12 February 1993.
DATED this 12 February 1993
Michael William Young, Liquidator.

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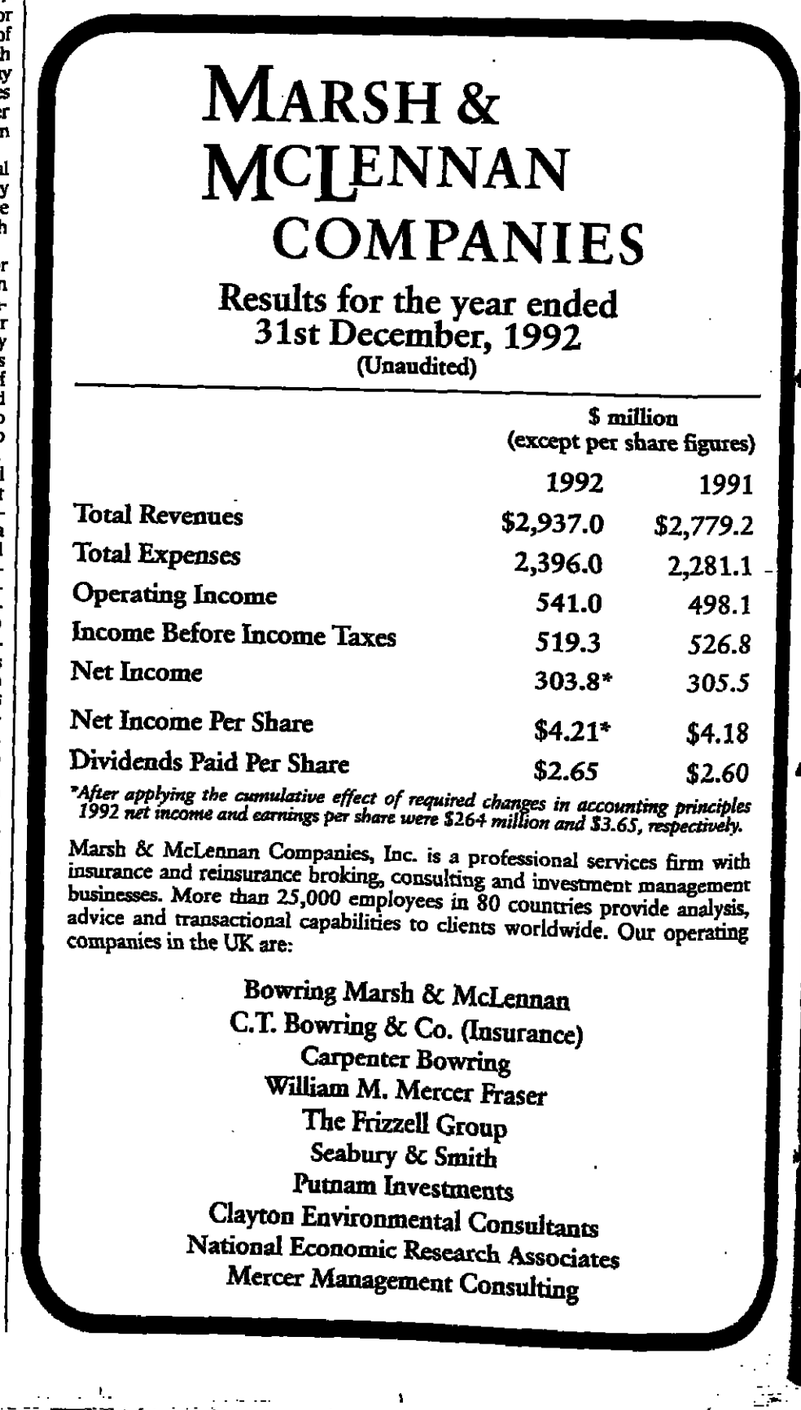
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Registered No: 2407067
Registered in England
SZERELMEY COX LIMITED
Nature of business: Restoration of stone buildings. Trade classification: 26. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 9 February 1993. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: TR Harris and CJ Hughes (Office holder nos: 2129 and 2041). Coopers & Lybrand, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AY.

PATENT SYSTEMS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 on 11 February 1993 I, David Julian Bachler, of Bachler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members and creditors.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 3 April 1993, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and description, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Julian Bachler, of Bachler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
David Julian Bachler, Liquidator

Re: ELVISLEY YOURS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 24th February 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 22nd February 1993.
Dated this 8th day of February 1993
SID SHAW, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
OPTLOCK LTD
Trading Name: Program Systems
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th March 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Steven George Taylor MIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 2nd day of February 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Christopher Richard Brain, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
J.C. PLANTS (Abingdon) Limited
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 12th February 1993.
Dated this 12th day of February 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.



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Bowater surprises the market with call to raise £295m

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

■ The stock market has welcomed the latest expansion move from Bowater, even though it has been accompanied by the latest of this year's string of rights issues

BOWATER, the packaging and print group, surprised the market with a call on its shareholders to raise £295 million to help finance the £305 million purchase of Speciality Coatings International, the American specialist films and papers coatings company.

The one-for-six rights issue, at 400p a share, is at a significant discount to Bowater's 485p closing price on Monday. But the shares closed the day up 8p at 497p, as the proposed acquisition received a warm welcome from City dealers.

Bowater also announced its pre-tax profits would be better than expected for the year to end-December, estimating a 48.5 per cent rise in profits to £147 million and sales up 23.7 per cent to £1.57 billion.

Michael Hartnall, Bowater finance director, said the main reason for the increase was the acquisitions last spring of DRG Packaging and Cope Allman Packaging.

The company is forecasting a final dividend of 6.65p a share, making a total of 11.5p, up 11.1 per cent. The increase is in line with the estimated 12.1 per cent rise in earnings per share to 25.1p. The rise in Bowater's share price was also helped by the company's expectation that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing in 1993.

David Lyon, Bowater chief executive, said there is scope to improve SCI's margins. The company's return on sales is about 8.6 per cent compared with Bowater's 11.5 per cent. He said SCI and Bowater were "like opposite sides of the same coin". However, SCI's Custom Paper Group, which contributes 15 per cent of sales, will be sold. Its value is estimated at about £20 million to £30 million.

The rights issue will be raised in two instalments as there are uncertainties over whether the acquisition will receive approval from the American authorities and Bowater has to complete environmental due diligence. The first £95 million, at 132p a unit, is not conditional on the deal. But the second £200 million, at 268p, will only be raised if the acquisition goes ahead. If it does not, the £95 million will be used to cut debts. The SCI acquisition came as a surprise in timing only as the company was the subject of a leveraged buyout from James River led by New York-based AEA Investors in 1991.

AEA and a handful of managers are believed to be likely to share a profit of between $80 million and $100 million on the sale. SCI made $48.6 million operating profits on sales of $568 million in the year to December 27.

After the acquisition, coated film will account for 25 per cent of Bowater's turnover against 11 per cent now.

Mr Hartnall said Bowater had noticed an improvement in trading after the third quarter of last year, which explained the better than expected profits and sales performance. Bowater also said that Norman Ireland, chairman for the past six years, will stand down at the annual meeting in May. He will be replaced by Michael Woodhouse, a director since 1989.

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TONY WHITE



On the acquisiton trail: David Lyon, left, with Michael Hartnall of Bowater

Cummins to link with Komatsu

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

KOMATSU and Cummins Engine Company have agreed to co-operate in design and manufacture of diesel engines worldwide, a deal that could lead to the introduction of new products at both companies' United Kingdom plants.

The groups said they would "review their current product lines, eliminating areas of redundant investment and and reducing costs by unifying certain engine models and promoting combined production". A definitive agreement is expected by mid-1993.

Cummins, of America, is the world's biggest manufacturer of diesels over 200 horse power. Sales in the year to end-December were $3.7 billion. The company has made Britain one of its three main world production centres. Three plants, at Darlington, Daventry and Shotts, in the central lowlands of Scotland, produce a wide range of diesel engines. They are sold throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

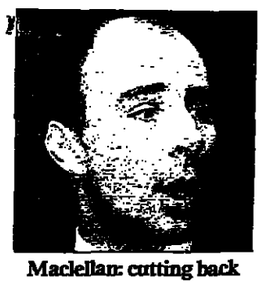
Komatsu, a diversified Japanese manufacturing group with sales in the year to last March of $6.9 billion, has an earthmover manufacturing plant at Birtley, near Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, employing 370 people.

As a first step to closer co-operation, the companies are considering production of Cummins' small engines in Japan, to be installed in Komatsu construction equipment for Asian markets.

The companies said they were also "considering production of a large Komatsu engine at a Cummins facility, with distribution planned throughout the Cummins network". However, it was not clear if the engine would be built in Britain or America.

The "new relationship" is expected to result in the establishment of joint ventures both in Britain and America.

Ibstock Johnsen to shed 200 jobs in £28m reshape



Maclellan: cutting back

BY OUR CITY STAFF

IBSTOCK Johnsen, the building materials group, is planning a £28 million restructuring of its brick operations and forestry business, which will see 200 jobs go this year.

The amount will be charged to its 1992 accounts. The company expects to make a profit of only £1 million before tax and exceptional costs for the year to end-December, compared with £10.6 million in the previous year. Of the £28 million, about £20 million will go on asset writedowns. The rest will go on redundancies. Ian Maclellan, managing director, said that about 200 were expected in the group's brick and forestry operations in 1993.

However, the gearing is expected to be below 20 per cent after charging for the restructuring and the shares fell by only 1p to 48p yesterday. The group intends to recommend a final dividend of 0.5p for the year, making a 1p total against 6p in the previous year.

Colin Hope, the chairman, said: "We believe the rationalisation will result in our British brick company being one of the most efficient producers in the industry.

"Following the work already completed in our operations in America, it will provide the potential for a progressive profit recovery in our brick operations."

Ibstock is currently carrying about four months' supply of bricks, against the industry average of six. Mr Maclellan said that the company would be cutting back production and destocking during 1993 and that he hoped the group would end the year with about 8 per cent of the British brick market.

On current trading, Mr Maclellan said there was no firm evidence that the British building industry was pulling out of recession.

"Brick volumes in the first few weeks of 1993 were only slightly better than for the same period last year," he said.

"But at least things are not getting any worse"

Thomson to dispose of some free papers

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

SHRINKING advertising in the recession is to lead to the sale or closure of up to a fifth of the 76 free newspapers owned in the UK by The Thomson Corporation, the biggest regional media group in the country.

Canadian-owned Thomson, whose newspaper arm in the UK is Thomson Regional Newspapers, announced yesterday that it would record a charge of US$170 million in the fourth quarter to reflect the restructuring of its worldwide newspaper business.

Mr W. Michael Brown, president of Thomson, said the decision to sell or close a significant number of free papers in the UK and America had been forced on the company by the severity of the transatlantic recessions. He said it would allow the group to develop the remaining newspaper operations.

Mr Nigel Harrison, TTC's chief financial officer, said none of TRN's flagship daily regional titles, such as *The Scotsman, Aberdeen Press and Journal, Belfast Evening Telegraph* and *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, was affected by the restructuring.

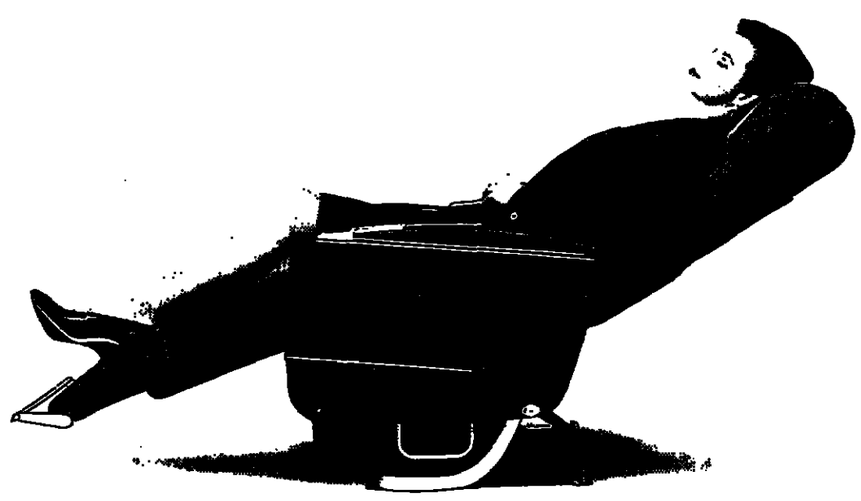
Mr Harrison believed "ten to 20" of the UK free papers would close, and slightly more in Canada and America. He said the fall in advertising revenue had hit the group badly.

However, he emphasised the restructuring charge was purely a book-keeping operation, and had no chance of pushing TTC into the red for the 1992 trading year.

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Liquidation rates 'up 8.2% but slowing'

By Our City Staff

A TOTAL of 23,594 companies in England and Wales went into compulsory or voluntary liquidation last year, a rise of 8.2 per cent, according to figures from KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm.

Individuals also suffered, with the number of bankruptcies rising 42 per cent to 32,106.

Tim Hayward, head of corporate recovery at KPMG, said: "When bad debts can mean the difference between survival and failure, companies, regardless of their size, need to employ strict credit management procedures to assist in the timely collection of outstanding debts."

Mr Hayward detected a glimmer of hope in the fact that the rate of increase in liquidations had slowed down, with only a 3.5 per cent increase in the last three months of 1992.

Personal bankruptcies may also slow down because of the recent cuts in interest rates but are expected to continue at a high level for some time, he said.

The south east of England accounted for 58 per cent of all voluntary liquidations, with a total 8,115 — up from 7,715 in 1991. In the fourth quarter the number rose from 1,972 to 2,087.

In Bristol, the number of voluntary liquidations fell from 368 to 301, while in the south west they rose to 189 from 168.

In South Wales, voluntary liquidations dropped from 311 to 284 but in the Midlands they rose from 1,756 to 1,773.

Figures for the north west show an increase from 1,875 to 1,898 and in the north east from 1,249 to 1,301.

STOCK MARKET

Dealers savage shares as Wall St nosedives

AN opening fall of more than 70 points on Wall Street sent share prices on the London stock market into a late nosedive.

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its worst of the day with a fall of 33.7 at 2,812.2 as traders marked prices sharply lower. By the close of business, only 634 million shares had changed hands.

The setback for investors in New York came before today's speech by President Clinton on the economy. He has already given warning that spending cuts and an increase in taxation for both individuals and companies are likely.

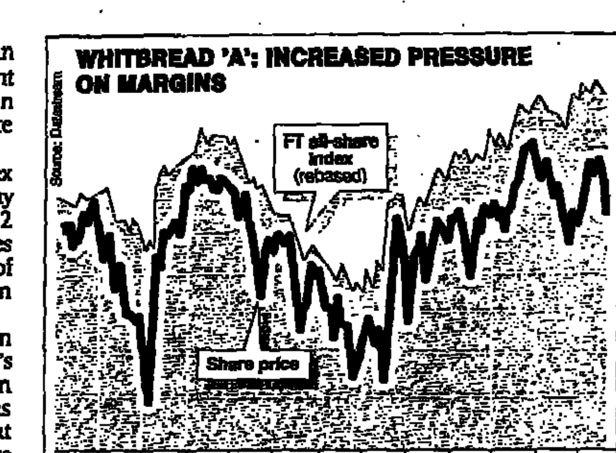
But traders in London seemed unperturbed by the shake-out on Wall Street and claimed that it had been overvalued for sometime. Worst hit in London were international companies, especially those exposed to the dollar and American markets. There were losses for **Reuters**, 11p to £13.37, **BOC Group**, 8p to 737p, **ICI**, 25p to £11.34p, **Wellcome**, 24p to 900p and **SmithKline Beecham A**, 15½p to 449p.

Bowater was an early feature, climbing 8p to 493p after announcing plans to raise £295 million with a one-for-six rights issue at 400p. The money will be used to buy Specialty Coatings International for £303 million.

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, fell 4p to 250p after first-quarter figures much in line with expectations, with pre-tax profits up £10 million at £236 million.

British Airways also lost an early lead to finish 3p down at 276p after seeing third-quarter pre-tax profits slump £80 million to £20 million. Half the shortfall was blamed on sterling's devaluation. Analysts are forecasting a small loss for the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, **BAA** eased 4p to 767p, despite announcing it is in talks with **London Electricity** about the sale of the electricity distribution networks at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. London shed 1p to 444p.



the matters. The shares were the subject of a similar recommendation last week by Nomura, which has taken a 12-month view of prospects and sees a partial restoration of profits in the current year.

Glaxo suffered an early setback, falling 23p to 676p. The group is cutting the price of Imigran, its anti-migraine treatment, in the Netherlands by 15 per cent. The company says it is aiming for a consistent pricing policy.

Whitbread A fell 20p to 454p, with Warburg Securities believed to be leading the sellers. The sector as a whole has been depressed by comments from Foster's Brewing, which owns Courage, claiming that margins are coming under increasing pressure.

There were also losses for **Bass**, 8p to 565p, **Merrydown**, 10p to 288p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, 9p to 414p, and **Wolverhampton & Dudley**, 4p to 487p.

Moving against the trend, **Grand Metropolitan** rose 8p to 446p, helped by a reiteration of a "buy" stance from BZW. Rival Smith New Court also believes GrandMet is undervalued.

Ticketing Company, the leisure group that used to trade under the name of Expedier Leisure, resumed trading, with the price firming ¾p to 1¾p. Almost 10 million shares had changed hands. Ticketing, which includes the Keith Prowse and First Call ticket agencies, was previously jointly owned by Wembley and Expedier. Wembley sold its stake in the venture to Expedier in return for an 18 per cent stake in the new company. **Wembley** was unchanged at 21p.

The bank sector came under pressure with traders worried about a possible fund-raising exercise by one of the remaining companies still to report. Word is that **National Westminster** is considering an issue of convertible loan stock to co-incide with next week's figures, which are expected to include further bad debt provisions of more than £1.5 billion. NatWest finished 18p cheaper at 440p. There were also losses for **Barclays**, 12p to 435p, **Lloyds**, 7p to 506p, **Abbey National**, 8p to 351p, **Bank of Ireland**, 5p to 192p, **HSBC**, 16p to 580p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 5p to 234p, and **Standard Chartered**, 22p to 631p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Granada Group rose 7p to 370p, after touching 374p. Whispers *circulating in the Square Mile claim that the group is close to disposing of its computer servicing division.* Granada has been working hard to pull the business round after recent losses. *But* brokers say that it no longer fits in with the new management's plans.

Lucas hardened 3p to 146p. The group is to cut a further 510 jobs at its plants in Kent before the end of November. The plant at Rochester is to be closed.

Pearson, the publishing, industrial and leisure combine, rose 12p to 391p, after touching 396p, on talk of a "buy" recommendation from BZW, which refused to discuss

Pittencrieff to demerge US wing in $50m issue

By Martin Flanagan

PITTENCRIEFF, the Edinburgh gas and oil production company, is floating its growing mobile communications business in America as a separate company over which it will retain majority control.

The demerger of Pittencrieff Communications Inc (PCI), which had sales of more than $2 million in December, sent the shares 26p higher to 349p.

Simon Flowers, oil industry analyst at County NatWest, said: "The argument (for the flotation) is that they feel the US business is not fully reflected in Pittencrieff's share price. If they're right and manage to realise what they think it's worth, then it is good news for shareholders."

Pittencrieff, floated in 1990, will spin off its American arm through PCI, issuing $50 million of new equity via a public offering in America.

Doug Sinclair, finance director of the parent, said the oil division had largely bankrolled the growth of mobile communications, the latter with its network in Texas and New Mexico. However, PCI now needed to be independently financed. He declined to specify the size of Pittencrieff's majority stake but said the move would allow the group to focus its long-term growth on oil and gas production and development. The group still had no interest in exploration work, he added.

The group also announced two acquisitions, financed largely through the placing of more than 2 million shares at 312p each. It is buying the mobile communications business of Francis Communications Corporation in El Paso, Texas, for $6.65 million, and oil and gas reserves in the Fort Chadbourne Field, Texas, from Exxon for $3.75 million.

WALL STREET

Clinton plans for US economy batters Dow

New York — President Clinton's economic proposals hit shares hard on Wall Street yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 85.64 points to 3,306.79 in early afternoon trading. The market held at severely depressed levels, with selling across the board blamed on concern over President Clinton's economic proposals in general and higher corporate and individual taxes specifically. Traders said losses in the OTC market led the entire market lower. The Nasdaq composite tumbled about 27 points, 3.9 per cent, to 663.

Pharmaceutical and healthcare service shares were hardest hit amid fears about price controls. "Presidential speeches are rally killers," said Robert Stovall, president of Stovall/21st Advisers. "The market is afraid the tax increases are going to hurt industries not benefiting from investment tax incentives. The spending cuts are vague and way down the line."

President Clinton said he has targeted 150 cuts in federal programmes, also that there will be new taxes, 70 per cent of which will be borne by people making more than $100,000 a year.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended lower on arbitrage unwinding and profit-taking, with the Nikkei average at 16,916.32, down 201.67 points, shedding most of its 266 point gain on Monday. Turnover was about 220 million shares (190 million).

☐ **Hong Kong** — Waves of profit taking trimmed most gains after the Hang Seng index leapt 75 points to hit a high of 6,124 in the afternoon. The index ended 16.18 points up at 6,065.62. It had earlier dropped to a low of 5,982 before bargain hunters moved in.

☐ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index closed 15.6 points up at 1612.1. *(Reuter)*

	Feb 16 midday	Feb 12 close
AMP Inc	56¾	58
AMR Corp	61¼	63
Abbott Labs	26½	28
Aetna Life	47¼	48⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅛	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	44⅛	45⅝
Albertson's	48⅛	48⅝
Alcan Aluminum	18⅝	18⅛
Alco Standard	40⅞	41¼
Allied Signal	63⅝	64⅝
Alum Co of Am	71¼	74
Amax	19	19⅝
Amerada Hess	49⅞	49⅛
Amer Brands	35⅞	36⅛
Amer Cyanamid	51⅛	53⅝
Amer El Power	34⅛	34⅛
Amer Express	23⅝	24⅝
Amer Genl Corp	56½	57⅝
Amer Home Pr	60⅞	63⅝
Amer Intl	118⅝	123
Amer Stores	37½	39⅝
Amer T & T	52⅞	53⅛
Ameritech	73⅞	74
Amoco	54⅛	53⅝
Anheuser-Busch	55⅝	57½
Apple Computer	52⅞	53⅝
Archer Daniels	25⅝	26
Arkla	8⅛	8½
Armco	7⅛	8
Armstrng Wrld	33	33⅞
Asarco	27⅛	28⅝
Ashland Oil	26	27
Atl Richfield	117⅝	117⅝
Auto Data Pro	54⅛	55
Avery Dennison	28⅞	27⅞
Avon Products	58⅛	58⅞
Baker Hughes	21⅛	21⅛
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅛
Banc One	51⅛	52⅛
BankAmerica	52	52⅝
Bank of NY	54	55
Bankers Tr NY	67⅛	68⅛
Barnett Banks	42⅞	43⅞
Bausch & Lomb	55⅞	56⅞
Baxter Intl	31⅛	31⅛
Becton Dickinson	76⅛	78⅛
Bell Atlantic	54⅛	54⅛
BellSouth	54	54⅞
Black & Decker	19	19⅛
Block (H&R)	40⅝	40⅞
Boeing	33⅞	34⅞
Boise Cascade	25	26⅛
Borden Inc	25⅝	25⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	26⅛	27⅛
Burlington Nthn	46⅞	48
CBS	198⅝	200⅛
CNA Financial	94¼	95⅞
CPC Intl	45½	46⅛
CSX	73	75⅛
Campbell Soup	41⅛	42
Can Pacific	13⅛	13⅝
Cpd Cities ABC	498½	498⅞
Cpd Holdings	77⅞	78½
Carolina Pwr	30⅛	29⅞
Caterpillar	56	57⅛
Central & SW	30⅞	30⅞
Champion Intl	31⅛	32⅛
Chase Manhat	29⅞	30⅝
Chemical Bk	40⅞	41½
Chevron Corp	75⅝	75⅛
Chrysler	36⅝	39⅞
Chubb Corp	89⅝	92⅛
Cigna Corp	63⅛	65⅞
Citicorp	25⅝	29⅞
Clorox	44⅝	45⅞
Coastal Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Coca Cola	40⅞	40½
Colgate-Palmolive	57½	58⅛
Columbia Gas	22	22⅝
Commonw Ed	25⅝	25⅝
Compaq Comp	44⅛	47⅛
Comp Ass Inf	23⅛	24⅞
Conagra	27⅛	27½
Cons Edison	34⅛	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	47⅛	47⅛
Cons Rail	54	56⅞
Cooper Inds	49⅞	51⅛
Corning Inc	35⅞	36⅝
Crown Cork	39⅝	39⅝
Dana Corp	45½	47⅛
Dayton Hudson	80⅛	82⅛
Deere	47	48½
Delta Air Lines	49⅞	51⅛
Deluxe Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Detroit Edison	34½	34½
Digital Equip	41¼	43⅝
Dillard Dept St	48⅞	50
Disney (Walt)	45⅛	47
Dominion Res	41⅛	41⅛
Donelley (RR)	28⅛	28⅝
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Dow Chemicals	57	58⅛
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅝
Dresser	18⅝	18⅞
Duke Power	37⅞	37⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	56⅝	57⅛
Du Pont	48⅞	48½
Eastman Kodak	50	51⅛
Eaton Corp	82⅞	82⅞
Emerson Elec	57⅛	58⅛
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	41⅛
Enron Corp	54⅛	54
Entergy Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Ethyl Corp	28⅞	29
Exxon	62	61⅛
FMC Corp	46⅛	46⅛
FPL Group	38⅛	38⅛
Federal Express	57⅝	58⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅝	79⅛
First Chicago	40⅞	41⅛
Firstr Interstate	51⅛	53⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅝	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	31⅛	32⅞
Fluor Corp	43⅞	43⅝
Ford Motor	47⅛	49⅛
GTE Corp	34⅛	36
Gannett	51⅛	51⅛
Gap Inc Del	33	34⅛
Gen Cinema	36⅛	36⅛
Gen Dynamics	112⅛	113⅞
Gen Electric	83⅝	84⅛
Gen Mills	65⅛	66⅛
Gen Motors	38⅛	40⅝
Gen Reinsurance	118⅛	122
Gen Signal	66	66⅞
Genuine Parts	35⅛	35⅝
Georgia Pac	64⅛	66⅞
Gillette	54⅛	54⅛
Glaxo ADR	19	19⅛
Goodrich (BF)	52⅛	54
Goodyear Tire	68⅞	71
Grace (W&R)	37⅛	38⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24⅝
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅛
Halliburton	32⅛	31⅛
Heinz (HJ)	41⅛	41
Hercules	69	70⅛
Hershey Foods	48⅛	49⅞
Hewlett Packard	67⅛	69
Hilton Hotels	43⅛	45⅛
Home Depot	60⅝	63⅛
Homestake	12⅛	11⅛
Honeywell	33⅞	34
Household Intl	64⅛	64⅛
Houston Inds	46⅛	47
Humana	19⅛	20⅞
ITT Corp	72⅛	75⅛
Illinois Tool	73⅛	73⅛
INCO	24	24⅛
Ingersoll Rand	33	34⅛
Inland Steel	22⅝	24⅛
Intel Corp	106	111
IBM	50	50⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	105⅛	106⅛
Intl Paper	65⅞	68⅛
James River Va	17⅛	17⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	45
K Mart	23⅝	24
Kellogg	62⅛	63⅛
Kerr-McGee	46	46⅛
Kimberly-Clark	57⅛	58⅛
Knight-Ridder	62⅞	62⅛
Lilly (Eli)	53⅞	55⅝
Limited Inc	25⅞	27⅛
Lin Brdcstng	78⅛	80
Lincoln Nat	74⅛	75⅝
Litton	50⅞	49⅛
Liz Claiborne	38⅞	40⅞
Lockheed Corp	58⅛	59⅞
Louisiana Pac	73	76⅛
MCI Commun	39⅝	39⅛
Marriott	23⅛	23⅞
Marsh & McLnn	91⅛	92
Martin Marietta	68⅛	69⅝
Masco Corp	31⅛	32⅞
May Dept St	70⅞	73⅛
Maytag Corp	14⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	33	33⅞
McDonalds	48⅞	49⅞
McDonnell D	52⅛	53⅝
McGraw Hill	60	60⅞
Mead Corp	41⅛	42⅞
Medtronic	87⅝	90⅛
Mellon Bk	56	58⅛
Melville Corp	49⅝	50
Merck Inc	37⅞	40
Merrill Lynch	63⅛	65⅛
Minnesota Mine	106⅛	107⅛
Mobil Corp	65⅝	64⅞
Monsanto	54	54⅛
Morgan (JP)	61⅛	62⅝
Motorola Inc	52⅝	54⅝
Natl Medical	10⅛	10⅝
Natl Semi	10⅛	10⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅛
Navistar Intl	2⅛	2⅛
NBD Bancorp	34⅝	34⅛
NY Times A	28⅛	28⅝
Newmont Mng	40	39⅞
Niag Mohawk	20⅛	20⅝
Nike B	82⅛	82⅛
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	38⅛	41⅛
Norfolk Sthn	64⅛	66
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Norwest Corp	45⅛	45⅝
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Occidental Pet	18⅛	19⅛
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	27⅛	29⅛
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PNC Financial	30⅞	30⅝
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Pacificorp	18⅝	19⅛
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33⅞
Pac Telesis	45⅛	46⅛
Pall Corp	21	21⅛
Panhandle East	19⅛	20⅛
Paramnt Comm	47⅛	48⅝
Parker Hannifin	32⅛	33
Penney (JC)	75⅞	78⅛
Pennzoil	54⅛	55⅝
Pepsico	38⅞	39⅛
Pfizer	60⅞	64⅞
Phelps Dodge	52⅛	54⅛
Philadel Elec	28⅛	29
Philip Morris	71⅛	72⅞
Phillips Pet	26⅞	28⅛
Pitney Bowes	40⅝	41⅛
Polaroid	28⅞	29⅛
Price Co	33⅞	34⅛
Primerica	53⅛	56
Procter & Gmbl	50	50⅞
Pub Serv E & G	32⅛	32⅛
Quaker Oats	64⅝	64⅝
Ralston Purina	48⅛	48⅛
Raychem Corp	39⅞	40⅛
Raytheon	54⅛	54⅛
Reebok Intl	33⅛	36⅛
Reynolds Metals	54⅛	55⅞
Roadway Srvcs	70⅛	73
Rockwell Intl	29	28⅛
Rohm & Haas	58⅞	60
Royal Dutch	82⅛	83
Rubbermaid	31⅛	32
Safeco Corp	61⅛	62⅛
St Paul's Cos	78⅛	81
Salomon Inc	39⅞	41⅛
Santa Fe S Pac	14	14⅝
Sara Lee Corp	27⅛	28⅛
Scecorp	46⅛	46⅞
Schering Plough	59⅝	63⅛
Schlumberger	57⅞	57⅛
Scott Paper	38	39⅛
Seagram	26⅛	26⅞
Sears Roebuck	50⅞	52⅝
Shell Trans	50⅝	51
Sherwin Wllms	32⅛	33
Skyline Corp	20⅛	20⅝
Snap-On-Tools	32⅛	32⅛
Southern Co	39⅛	39⅞
Sthwestern Bell	70⅛	70⅝
Sprint Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Stanley Works	42⅝	43⅛
Sun Company	28	28⅛
Suntrust	44⅛	44⅞
Supervalu	32⅞	32⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅛	19⅛
Sysco Corp	24⅛	25⅞
TRW Inc	55⅝	58⅛
Tandem Comp	13	13⅛
Tandy Corp	26⅛	27⅛
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	19⅛	20⅝
Temple Inland	49⅛	50⅝
Tenneco	43⅞	44⅛
Texaco	61	61
Texas Inst	53⅛	54⅛
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	44	44⅛
Time Warner	32⅛	33⅛
Times-Mirror	31⅛	32
Timken	29	29⅛
Torchmark	61⅛	64
Toys R Us	38⅝	40⅛
Transamerica	48⅞	49⅝
Travelers Corp	26⅛	27⅛
Tribune	51⅛	51⅛
Tyco Labs	44⅛	44⅛
UAL Corp	123	126
UST Inc	29⅞	29⅛
USX Marathon	18	18⅞
Unilever NV	105⅛	104⅞
Union Camp	40	47⅛
Union Carbide	16⅛	17⅛
Union Pacific	59⅛	60⅛
Unisys Corp	11⅛	12
USAIR Group	15⅞	16⅞
USF&G Corp	14⅛	14⅞
US Life	39⅞	40
US West	41⅛	40⅝
United Tech	44⅛	45⅛
Unocal Corp	25⅛	25⅛
Upjohn	28⅛	28⅛
VF Corp	50⅝	50⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	62⅛	64
Warner-Lambert	65⅛	68⅛
Waste Mgmnt Inc	35⅛	36⅛
Wells Fargo	90⅛	93
Westinghouse El	13⅛	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	42⅛
Whirlpool	48⅞	49⅛
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	74⅛	75⅛
Woolworth	28⅞	28⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30⅛
Xerox	83⅛	85⅛

Anglo makes £46m debt for equity deal

By Carl Mortished

DAVID McErlain, Anglo United's chairman, announced that he was leaving after the Coalite smokeless fuels group disclosed details of a £46 million debt for equity swap with its bankers.

The restructuring takes Anglo's borrowings down from £251 million to £131 million. The company's problems stem from its bid for Coalite in 1989 when it took on bank borrowings of £452 million.

Since then, the group has been unable to complete asset sales necessary to reduce debt to manageable levels.

Mr McErlain said his decision to resign was due to his ambition to buy part of a privatised British Coal. "I don't see how Anglo can be a credible bidder now. Rather than carry on, I think the company needs a new face," he said.

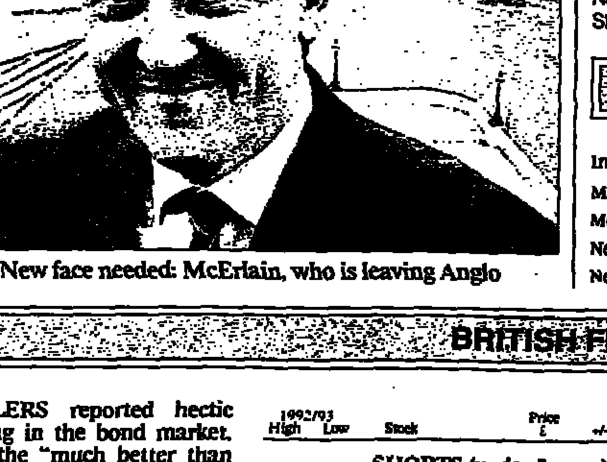
He is being replaced by Harold Cottam, the chairman of Haden MacLellan Holdings, the engineering group, and a former managing partner of Ernst & Young, the accountant.

Anglo's bankers, which include Samuel Montagu, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Barclays, will be swapping debt for 459 million new ordinary shares priced at 10p, a premium to the current share price of 6½p.

Shareholders are being given the opportunity to take up the new shares in an open offer, failing which the banks will end up with a maximum 50.01 per cent stake in Anglo.

Anglo is also turning £75 million of debt into £25 million of convertible loan notes and £50 million of deep discount loan notes.

The remaining bank debt of £131 million is to be consolidated into a new senior term loan and new facilities worth £37 million are being provided for working capital and the provision of bank guarantees.



New face needed: McErlain, who is leaving Anglo

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Grand Met	446p (+8p)
N Hay	51p (+15p)
Amersham	698p (+11p)
Oriflame Int	250p (+13p)

FALLS:

Whitbread 'A'	457p (-17p)
Nat West	440p (-18p)
Standard Chart	631p (-22p)
ADT	518p (-22p)
Courtaulds	554p (-22p)
Glaxo	667p (-32p)
Wellcome	900p (-24p)
Liberty Life	971p (-17p)
Shell	576p (-14p)
Tiphook	335p (-9p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	62	...
Mauritius Fund ($10¼)	725	...
Motor World (210)	273	-5
New City & Comm Inv Tst	86	...
New City & Comm Wrrnts	19	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA n/p (53)	7¾	...
Burton n/p (60)	10½	+1
Comm Union n/p (490)	81	-14
ML Holdings n/p (15)	3½	...
Property Trust 10p (25)	21	...

BRITISH FUNDS

DEALERS reported hectic trading in the bond market, with the "much better than expected" PSBR figures sparking a strong rally for issues at the long end. Most longer dated stocks closed near their best of the day in spite of the fall on Wall Street.

The Bank of England announced another two tap issues, at the long end of the yield curve, totalling £1.35 billion, available for dealing today. The first was £1.2 billion of 9 per cent Conversion loan 2011 'C' for the market. An additional £150 million was issued to the National Debt Commissioners. There was also a further £150 million issue of 4⅛ per cent index-linked Treasury stock 2030.

The gilt future finished nine ticks higher at £103 1/32, having touched a high of £103 9/32, on a heavy volume of 43,000 contracts.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	102	-	12.16	5.66
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.53
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	-	12.95	5.47
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	-	8.26	5.46
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108 xd	-	13.31	5.52
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	109	-	12.38	5.57
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.48	5.60
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109 xd	-	11.39	5.70
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.54	5.70
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	-	10.80	5.89
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.57
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	-	9.36	6.02
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	+	10.94	6.10
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.65	6.35
129	117	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.19	6.48
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.09	6.49
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	9.00	6.61
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	-	10.85	6.75
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.29	6.74
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	-	8.12	6.74
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.41	7.01
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.73	6.92
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	90	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	-	7.14	6.74
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.73	6.59
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	...	11.30	7.31
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.89	7.38
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	110	-	8.56	7.20
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.96	7.40
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.06	7.31
116	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.90	7.37
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.25	7.31
129	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.09	7.79
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.82	7.73
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	...	10.91	7.41
112	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	+	8.70	7.93
51	40	Treas 8% 2003	51	+	7.91	7.85
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	113 xd	+	8.80	8.06
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120 xd	+	9.55	8.03
72	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	+	4.84	7.04
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	109	+	8.65	8.19
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	109	+	8.66	8.22
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	+	9.10	8.28
98	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	+	8.09	8.19
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	+	9.56	8.31
101	89	Treas 8½% 2007	101	+	8.37	8.32
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	+	9.94	8.45
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
105	93	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.53	8.37
96	85	Treas 8% 2009	96 xd	+	8.30	8.41
104	93	Conv 9% 2011	104	+	8.60	8.50
104	93	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.61	8.52
73	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.49	8.27
93	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+	8.28	8.40
131	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.14	8.22
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+	8.94	8.63
		UNDATED				
46	39	Consols 4%	45	+	8.72	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.71	...
63	50	Conv 3½%	62	...	5.59	...
30	24	Consols 2½%	29	...	8.37	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.51	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	...	0.59
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	-	1.31	2.09
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.08	2.69
164	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	-	2.67	3.08
161	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	-	2.84	3.15
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	2.96	3.29
165	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	165	-	3.09	3.33
149	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	149	-	3.28	3.49
154	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	154	-	3.34	3.51
127	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	126	-	3.40	3.54
135	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	134	-	3.47	3.63
129	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	129	-	3.53	3.68
107	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	106	-	3.57	3.70
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	-	3.57	3.71

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SECTION 13, WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991

Proposal by the Director General of Water Services for the modification of Condition B of the Instrument of Appointment of Thames Water Utilities Limited ("the Company").

Introduction

Thames Water Utilities Limited is a water and sewerage undertaker, holding a licence from the Secretary of State for the Environment, which took effect on 1 September 1989. The Company has agreed with the Director General that its licence should be modified as described in this notice.

Statement of the reasons for and effects of the proposed modifications:

Background

1. Condition B of the Instrument of Appointment of every Water and Water and Sewerage Undertaker in England and Wales, deals with charges. Part II contains the Charges Limit. The percentage increase in average charges must not exceed the annual change in the Retail Price Index and an Adjustment Factor for the year in question.

2. Part III provides for Periodic Reviews of the Adjustment Factors, which must happen every ten years and may happen every five.

3. Part IV enables the Director General, in defined circumstances, to revise a company's Adjustment Factors, between Periodic Reviews, by making an Interim Determination. This usually happens when a Relevant Change of Circumstance arises. Eight Relevant Changes of Circumstance are defined in the licence. They are summarised in the schedule to this notice. In addition, when price limits are set, some items of expenditure may be uncertain and therefore not allowed for (either wholly or in part). These Notified Items may be quantified and dealt with at an Interim Determination. There is a separate provision, which enables an undertaker to seek a price limit change, if it has suffered some other substantial adverse effect upon its business (the long-stop provision).

The proposed changes and the reasons for them:

4. The Director General has proposed that the eight Relevant Changes of Circumstance should be reduced to three. The revisions are summarised in the schedule below. He has also proposed that the long-stop provision, should be deleted.

5. These changes would reduce the scope for changes in price limits between Periodic Reviews. The Director General believes that the interests of the Company and its customers would be best served if the majority of changes in price limits were made at a Periodic Review. This should provide a stable basis on which the Company can draw up expenditure plans, it would enable revenue to grow more steadily, investments to be reasonably stable and assets to be renewed in a steady and sustainable way. Any necessary price increases would be more predictable. Adjustment of price limits between Periodic Reviews would still be possible, but mainly to take account of any unanticipated, material obligations which may be imposed upon the Company. Other changes would be recorded and their impacts taken into account at the next Periodic Review.

6. The Director General has also proposed an amendment of the provisions in Part IV which describe how he must calculate revised price limits at an Interim Determination. In calculating the costs attributable to a new or changed legal requirement upon the undertaker, he would have regard to whether the Secretary of State for the Environment had told him of any change of policy (since the price limits were last set) which had given rise to the legal requirement. Alternatively, he would have regard to whether the undertaker had itself given to him notice of the new or changed legal requirement, before seeking a revision of the price limit on account of it.

7. This proposed change will highlight what the Director General considers to be an important aspect of the regulatory regime. He believes that changes in environmental and water quality standards ought to be introduced only after all the costs and benefits associated with them have been properly assessed. If any such changes are introduced between Periodic Reviews, he would expect either the Secretary of State or the undertaker concerned to bring that change to his attention.

8. The Director General has also proposed a change which will greatly simplify the decisions about revised price limits at Interim Determinations. The process would become more mechanical. He would identify the additional revenue required, year by year, to cover additional operating costs and capital charges (depreciation and return on capital) and reflect this revenue requirement directly in a revised price limit. He would not reconsider the financial and economic assumptions which he made at the last Periodic Review, or the impact of the proposed revised charges on the key financial indicators. This approach would emphasise the importance of the medium-term judgements which the Director General would make at a Periodic Review.

9. Any representation about, or objections to, these proposals should be in writing, addressed to the Director General of Water Services, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA, to be received by him not later than 5.00pm on 19 March 1993. Please quote reference 26.6.1.B

Schedule

Part I – Relevant changes of circumstances which are to be retained.

3 - the application of (or change to) any legal requirement;

5 - differences between proceeds of the sale of surplus land and the proceeds which were assumed when the Adjustment Factors were last set;

7 - non-achievement of a legal requirement which results from lower expenditure than was assumed when the Adjustment Factors were last revised.

Part II – Relevant changes of circumstance to be deleted.

1 - changes in the basis of non-domestic rates;

2 - changes in charging methods to reflect the legal requirement to stop charging customers on the basis of rateable values by 31 March 2000;

4 - changes in the amount of government or EC grants receivable, compared with assumptions when the Adjustment Factors were last revised;

6 - changes in capital expenditure, resulting from differences between the price index which was assumed when the Adjustment Factors were last set and the actual level of that index; and

8 - cost changes for reasons outside the control of a prudently managed and efficient company.

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Clinton signals the arrival of a new wave of losers

Wolfgang Münchau reports from Washington on the likely content of today's State of the Union address from the American president



Active support: Laura D'Andrea Tyson, leading economic adviser

The Clinton honeymoon has ended abruptly, though this need not be a bad thing. If the American president is really serious about reforming the economy, increasing spending in certain areas while simultaneously cutting the deficit, he is bound to offend a lot more people than he has managed so far. On the way to the slaughterhouse, there are still quite a few lambs left smiling.

Many Americans, let alone foreigners, have not quite woken up to all the implications of today's State of the Union address, during which the president will set out his economic policy agenda for his term. The speech has been hailed in advance by the White House as "one of the most important economic statements the country has seen in a decade". And so it will be, given that the last genuine policy innovation happened almost 12 years ago to the day, when Ronald Reagan set the scene for the economic episode that carried his name.

Some of the most enthusiastic support so far has come from American companies, especially those, such as AT&T, that are in the high-tech field. Many of them have publicly applauded the new administration on the grounds that it was going to be more "hands-on" and willing to listen to the concerns of business, especially when it came to trade and anti-dumping complaints.

On Wall Street, yesterday's slump in the Dow following the president's televised addresss from the Oval Office on Monday night shows America is getting nervous. Yet the yield on long-bonds dropped to a low 7.2 per cent and the dollar is once again a respectable currency.

But the "hands-on" approach can work both ways. Clintonomics will see losers as well as winners — including in industry. In fact, if things are to proceed as envisaged by the president — $145 billion of deficit cuts over four years; drastic cutbacks in the defence budget, starting with an initial $11 billion; and a series of tax increases — enemies are virtually assured.

Most unusual for America, tax rises, especially middle class tax rises which we are about to see in big way, are among the least controversial measures, and according to a recent USA Today/CNN opinion poll, a small majority of Americans are even in favour of making a "sacrifice" for the greater good of the country, which is Clintonomics for higher taxes.

The current top marginal income tax rate is likely to go up substantially. There may also be a new top rate for those with incomes above some yet to be defined higher threshold. Corporate taxes are also going up, foreign companies will see limits imposed on tax deductions and, most symbolic of all, it is expected that companies will no longer be able to deduct "excessive" executive pay, which is yet to be defined.

The impact of the new administration on business is going to be felt much more directly than merely through the tax system. The pharmaceutical sector has already received an inkling of what Clintonomics could mean in practice. With less than two weeks in office, the president gave the briefest of outlines for his approach to healthcare reform when he proposed a universal child-vaccination programme. He blamed the pharmaceutical industry for overcharging and threatened deep cuts in research funding, unless prices dropped to affordable levels. Various pharmaceutical companies immediately put out statements in defence of pricing policies.

The administration knows that the explosion in health costs, which account for 14 per cent of America's gross national product, has two prime causes: one is the salary of doctors; the other, the price of pharmaceuticals. It is here that cost savings will have to start. A policy to restrain pharmaceutical margins will also affect foreign pharmaceutical groups, including, and especially, from Britain.

The case of the pharmaceutical industry shows only too clearly that someone has to pay if the president's economic plan is to add up. These include the rich, generally defined as those with annual incomes over $200,000, but also "unlucky" companies, that are rightly or wrongly perceived as making excessive profits, and those who do not figure in the new administration's high-tech oriented industrial policy. Foreign companies, indeed foreign countries, may also end up paying for the Clinton economic programme through higher trade barriers.

Whether this is justified or not is another issue, but there are already indications that the new administration will cement its new industrial policy with trade sanctions. To this end, it will accelerate the already apparent shift from a free trade policy under President Reagan, through the tough-on-trade policy of President Bush, to a system of "managed trade".

In an ideal world, managed trade should not discourage market access by foreign companies, but it should manage the speed with which this is happening and prevent unfair trading practices such as dumping — invariably an ill-defined concept.

The Clinton administration has already given notice of its intention to pursue a restrictive trade policy, through a decision to ban European manufacturers of telecommunications and power equipment to bid for federal US procurement orders. Furthermore, the administration is almost certain to raise the tariffs on mini vans and utility cars, such as Range Rovers and Volkswagen minibuses, from 2.5 per cent, the tariff on cars, to 25 per cent, the prevailing tariff on trucks.

The intellectual basis for this approach to trade, especially in regard to high-tech industries, has been set by Laura D'Andrea Tyson, who chairs President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers. In her recent book *Who's bashing Whom? Trade Conflict in High-Technology Industries* (published by the Institute for International Economics) Ms Tyson argued in favour of an "activist" policy, arguing that free trade may not be the most beneficial form of trade in an industry with strong government involvement on the national level and imperfect competition. Thus, the president's most influential economic adviser advocates activism in trade policies, at least until such time as there is a satisfactory system of multilateral enforcement. But she also notes that the most robust trade sanctions could at best delay Airbus' foray into the lucrative commercial airline market. Trade laws cannot reverse the process. "Ultimately, the fate of the nation's high-technology industries depends not on the trade battles we fight abroad but on the choices we make at home," she concludes.

And this is where the rest of the administration's policies begin. Education reform and employment law reform, especially the adoption of German-style vocational training and more extensive workfare programmes, are high on the agenda, as is an activist industrial policy especially oriented to high-tech civil and defence companies. But this will all cost a lot of money; a European physical, educational and social infrastructure cannot be financed with American-style taxes, not even with Mr Clinton's tax package today.

After years of industrial decline, these policies may help America back to its feet, and these taxes may be a price well worth paying, to put a bad quote in a good context. While these policies deserve to win, America and the rest of the world should be under no illusions about the new policy. There will be losers all over the place.

TEMPUS

Time for a Hanson bid

HANSON'S drab first-quarter figures, enhanced only by currency gains and disposal profits, confirm the view that the group's enforced reliance on organic growth, even if supplemented by bolt-on acquisitions, is inadequate to maintain its growth.

Virtually all its businesses are in mature industries. The strong market positions they hold make them highly cash-generative but they do not offer a sustainable platform for growth, even though many were acquired at the bottom of the cycle. Whatever the City might think, Hanson should be using the cash thrown off by these companies to fund an eighties-style mega-bid to establish a new fast-growing core business.

A strategy based on organic growth only makes sense in America where Hanson should now concentrate on the development of its core businesses, such as coal. In Britain, operations such as Imperial Tobacco and London Brick offer limited scope for growth, so acquiring a new core business is vital.

Hanson has been blown off course twice in this quest, first by ICI and then by Tomkins and was even embarrassed by Costain when it sold its Australian coal business to a higher bidder. On each occasion, Hanson's determination not to overpay has been laudable, but fresh opportunities are rare, particularly following the sharp rise in share prices.

The City recognises these problems. The group's prospective p/e of 14.6 puts it on a 17 per cent discount to the market. These days the value of Hanson's parts looks greater than the whole, an argument the group once deployed to such devastating effect against its takeover victims.

Inflation

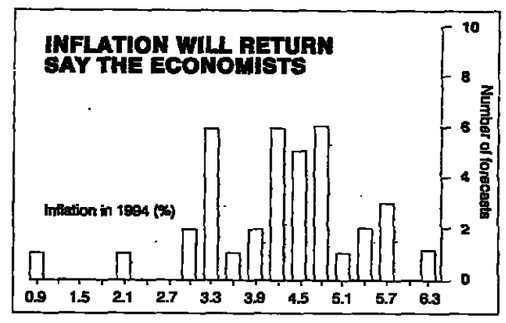
"COULD try harder" is the conclusion of the Bank of England's first quarterly survey on inflation and the government's success in restraining it.

The Bank's forecasts still suggest that inflation will remain under 4 per cent until the end of next year. But it admits this forecast is only the central projection in a range that could rise as high as 6 per cent. A two-thirds majority of brokers' and business school forecasts have inflation rising beyond government's 4 per cent target.

The survey demonstrates how fragile this environment of low inflation is. At this stage in the cycle, the underlying rate should be at the bottom of the 1-4 per cent range not near the top. Sterling's depreciation, the rising budget deficit, or any resurgence in wage settlements or profit margins could bust the target.

The Bank tries to skirt around policy issues but there is no disguising its conclusion that there is little scope for further interest rate cuts that would weaken the pound further, and that the Treasury must take a firm line on the budget deficit if it wishes to keep inflation within bounds. Looking beyond, the Bank is clearly not convinced that the country has adapted to a low inflationary environment. As it does, there will be pain among voters accustomed to annual pay settlements and double-digit returns on their pensions.

The government may decide that low inflation is not the vote-winner it may once have believed.



Bowater

THE rise in the stock market has given British businesses the ability to pay premium prices for attractive overseas assets and still enhance their earnings. Bowater is buying Specialty Coatings on a p/e ratio of more than 14. That, however, looks like fair value, since the group is financing the acquisition with a rights issue on a multiple almost 2 points higher.

Bowater is right to make full use of its stock market popularity. SCI fits well with the group's existing films and coated paper operations. After the acquisition, a quarter of group sales will come from this fast-growing sector.

Bowater's expansion in such high growth areas as coatings and films makes its continued presence in less promising industries, such as tissue and engineering in Australia and window frames in Britain, look ungainly. Gearing will be still be more than 50 per cent following the rights issue, so a few disposals would not go amiss. Last year, Bowater promised that the acquisition of DRG Packaging and Cope Allman would enhance earnings and it has duly delivered. The group has won the right to its shareholders' support.

British Airways

SIR Colin Marshall's gloomy outlook on British Airways' fourth quarter and the increasing likelihood of an equity issue did little to improve investors' attitudes towards the company. But the third-quarter figures demonstrate how resilient BA has been in the face of the recession throughout the air industry.

If a £27 million profit from aircraft disposals is stripped out of last year's figures and a £20 million adverse movement in the value of overseas loans is disregarded, BA's nine-month profits were £10 million higher than last year.

Fourth-quarter losses may top £40 million, but BA is well positioned to benefit from any improvement in the American economy later this year.

Each 1 per cent improvement in passenger volumes could add up to £50 million to profits. The market will appreciate operational gearing like that long after it has forgotten the details of the dirty tricks episode.

Merry Hill

LARGE property deals are so thin on the ground that the announcement that a British property company, admittedly with foreign help, is proposing to spend £128 million on a West Midlands shopping centre, should be greeted with relief. Merry Hill is a large mouthful and its long, drawn-out sale did no good to a market short of buyers.

The price paid also suggests that contaminated land can still find buyers at sensible rather than knock-down prices, providing the vendor can prove that the problem is contained. Chelsfield's backers believe that there is room for improvement in the centre's income and capital allowances in the enterprise zone sweeten the deal further. At least the property market has been spared a fire sale.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Team spirited away to futures

IN ONE of the biggest recent moves in futures, Bill Smit, managing director of Prudential-Bache Securities, the securities house, has taken on the majority of the financial futures team from Dean Witter Futures. The team of 12 walked out after the takeover of Dean Witter by Discount Futures Corporation, the American firm, last October. The team, headed by Gary Wayne, start work at Prudential-Bache this morning. Smit is well known for bringing entire teams to his operations. In early 1992, he took on the oil features team from Czarnikow, the commodity broker. Smit denies that he is a habitual fisher of men. He says: "In both cases, it just seemed like a good idea at the particular time. We already do financial futures business, but the new recruits are the foundation for a larger global strategy."

Dress sense

ERLING Kragge, the Norwegian adventurer, is known to favour Berghaus attire for his icy Antarctic treks. Kragge arrived at the South Pole well before Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud, but covered a shorter distance with a significantly lighter sledge. There are said to be competitive feelings between the two parties. Kragge's predilection for Berghaus gear could be a source of slight embarrassment to Pentland Group, which yesterday announced the purchase of Berghaus, a British company based in Newcastle upon Tyne. For it is Pentland that sponsors the British duo, Kragge's competitors, on their epic journeys. Berghaus has acted quickly, however, and flown suitable attire out to Chile, where Fiennes and Stroud are recovering from their ordeal, for them to wear on their return.



Fiennes: suitable attire

Guppy's gaffe

DETAINED at Brixton prison awaiting sentence for three counts of fraud and conspiracy, former "published poet and socialite" Darius Guppy is now the subject of nostalgic reminiscence from those who crossed his path in the City. In the late eighties, while trying to complete a shipping transaction, Guppy joined a meeting with the other parties to the deal. Towards the end of the session, he is said to have turned to the lawyer advising the other side, Alistair Farley, a founding partner of Watson, Farley & Williams, the City solicitors, with the comment: "You have no understanding of the significance of the law." At this point, our source tells us, the meeting broke up amid suppressed laughter.

Hunter II

HUNTER, the BES company, has launched a new issue, Hunter II, following the success of the Hunter I issue last spring. Property Enterprise Managers, Hunter's sponsors, say that Hunter I investors were attracted by the "no nonsense" strategy — "Buy well, let well, sell well and pay back." Richard Smith, Hunter chief executive, was unable two years ago to avoid the collapse of Asprey Developments, his property company — a fact not mentioned in the CV appearing in the Hunter prospectus.

Sales drive

JAGUAR sales were given a further boost in America yesterday by Ford, the parent company, which announced that customers will be able to return the cars if they are not completely satisfied. Those buying the luxury cars until May 31 will receive a full cash refund within 30 days if they decide not to keep the vehicle. Jaguar, whose worldwide sales climbed 25 per cent last month, said the plan was an attempt to demonstrate improved quality and reliability.

Building business

THE Duke of Edinburgh was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building at the Guildhall in the City last night, a white tie affair for 500 of its members. The prince, an honorary CIB member since 1958, has never attended the dinner before. He was seated next to Christopher Laing, CIB president and brother of Martin Laing, chairman of John Laing. Could it be that the prince attended to ask advice on the bids being received for the restoration of Windsor Castle? Having completed work on the City's Mansion House last year, Laing does have a track record with distinguished buildings and would have been loath to pass up a chance for some discreet lobbying.

Telly tips

CITY professionals caught under hot studio lights can now turn to Sandy Gall, the former ITN newscaster, for advice on how to deal with television appearances. Simon Ellis, who last year launched Studio Strategy, his training consultancy, has recruited Gall to the team that advises clients including KPMG Peat Marwick, Coopers & Lybrand, Stephenson Harwood, Cadbury Schweppes, and the Council of Mortgage Lenders, on television and radio interviews. The man who has been in more hot spots than most will act as training consultant on courses for senior corporate executives, which range from two-hour briefings before interviews to day-long sessions. Ellis says: "The idea is to train people to face a Jeremy Paxman, and to avoid being wound up by reporters." Ellis is no stranger to television: until last summer he was a programme editor on Channel 4's *Business Daily*.

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Save the Post Office from replay of Girobank sale

From Mr Alan Tuffin

Sir, The report ("Audit Office catalogues errors in sale of Girobank" February 12), which highlights the errors and financial incompetence over the sale of the Post Office Girobank in 1990, is, in fact, a scandal.

It only reinforces the view taken by me and my colleagues at the time that the government was prepared to sell off a part of the Post Office for any price.

Despite the opposition to the sale of Girobank with the warning that it was done for dogma rather than an improved service to the public is not only quite true but at the same time has meant a loss to tax-payers of about £70 million. The users of Girobank are now feeling the effects. The recent decision to cease the issuing of post-cheques as a facility available throughout western Europe on the grounds of it being "unprofitable" should send alarm bells ringing on this government's proposals to privatise the whole of the Post Office.

Since the sale of Girobank, customers have seen a steady cutback in services in order to increase profitability.

Despite government assurances, your readers must be warned that the sale of the Post Office will see similar actions. What price rural postal and counter services by a private Post Office, which will have to concentrate on profit rather than service?

Finally, the sad thing is that the reports that now highlight the errors in selling off Girobank to the private sector will only come about after the event, when nothing can be done other than to warn of the future. Privatisation in so many of the public utilities is now, as I and my colleagues forecast, turning sour on the bed of experience.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN TUFFIN,
General secretary,
The Union of Communication Workers,
UCW House,
Crescent Lane, SW4.

Granny Bonds time

From Mr Trevor Openshaw

Sir, I would agree with Dr Valerie Goldberg (Business letters, February 11) that very little regard has been paid to the plight of tens of thousands (perhaps millions) of the citizens of this country (not just pensioners) who have had their standard of living seriously reduced by the interest rates currently available.

Surely, now would be the time to reintroduce what was once known as "Granny Bonds", but this time in the form of an income bond rather than a five-year term.

Could I recommend that this be introduced without delay in a tiered system related to age, for example:
age 50 say £50,000 as a maximum;
age 55 say £55,000;
age 60 say £60,000 and so on.

This income bond should carry a meaningful interest rate of perhaps 10 per cent tax free, or, alternatively, inflation plus 7 per cent.

I am sure that this would bring in much needed government finance, but at the same time release into the economy a wave of spending power which has recently been squashed flat.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR OPENSHAW,
Three Pines,
33 Ellesfield Drive,
Ferndown,
Dorset.

Back to basics

From Mr J. D.Tunnicliffe

Sir, Please invite Mr Anthony Harris (February 12) to consult his copy of Kennedy's *Latin Primer*. I hope he is able to ascertain that the plural of *annus horribilis* is *anni horribiles*.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. TUNNICLIFFE,
100 High Street,
Great Abington,
Cambridge.

Why no wise women?

From Ms Ann Flanagan

Sir, Your "Wise Men" photograph (February 10) portrayed ten males convening to conclude a report on the economy. With women making up 52 per cent of the population, were none deemed "wise" enough to take part — or were they too busy in the kitchen?

Yours faithfully,
ANN FLANAGAN,
102 Birchfields Road,
Manchester.

Export prices

From Mr Richard Terrell

Sir, In your issue of February 10, Mr Michael Kinch asks why our exporters don't reduce export prices anyway, when the value of the pound falls.

The answer may be threefold. First, some exporters may, I suppose, do as Mr Kinch suggests. Second, lower interest rates, as a matter of logic, have the effect of encouraging the investment of savings in new capital equipment, machine tools etc., which facilitates lower export prices with greater confidence than if interest rates were not lowered, or were actually raised. And third, whilst lower interest rates also foster borrowing to increase the purchase of consumer goods in the shops, to the detriment of the balance of payments, in the longer term better capital equipment must offset that effect.

It is sad that, in these times, Professor Hayek is no longer with us to explain all this more effectively than anybody seems able to do today.

Yours faithfully,
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Exempt	877.60	905.80f	-1.00	3.38
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High Yield	225.30	240.80	-2.30	4.39
Balanced	613.40	655.70	-5.60	2.89
American Inc	47.87	51.17f	-1.55	3.34
Wld Asset Val	37.45	40.03	-0.63	1.92
Japan	143.50	152.90	-2.10	0.01
Secs of Am	423.40	450.90	-18.80	0.37
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	305.10	324.60	-1.00	3.03
-do- Inc	218.60	232.60	-0.80	3.03
Higher Inc Acc	545.40	580.30	-0.40	4.20
-do- Inc	336.40	357.90	-0.30	4.20
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.30	183.00	+0.30	6.56
-do- Inc	93.39	98.63	+0.19	6.56
Nth America	275.30	292.90	-4.50	...
Far East	255.90	272.30	-3.70	0.30
Europe	215.90	229.70	-1.60	1.26
General Inc	413.70	440.20	-2.00	2.69
-do- Acc	450.60	479.40	-2.20	2.69
Brit Excell	62.16	66.13	-0.12	3.08
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.42	68.54	+0.09	5.19
Brit Fndmtls Acc	82.07	87.31	+0.10	5.19
Global Opps	69.07	73.48	-0.66	0.07
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Capital	104.60	111.90f	-0.10	3.33
Euro Gth Inc	113.60	120.40	-0.20	1.20
Extra Inc	102.30	109.40	+0.30	5.49
General	233.70	249.90	-0.10	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.87	59.87	+0.21	8.68
Income	457.00	488.80f	+0.50	4.96
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American Gth	95.73	101.60	-1.70	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	125.20	133.80	-2.20	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.41	54.98	+0.15	7.40
Eastern	179.30	193.10	-2.30	1.70
Equity Income	76.68	81.57	...	6.80
European Gth	225.90	240.30	-1.40	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	150.60	160.70	-0.60	2.00
Exempt	80.25	82.48f	-0.69	3.90
German Growth	54.11	57.78	-0.01	0.80
Global Growth	108.20	115.60	-1.40	...
Japan Growth	161.00	172.60f	-1.40	...
Japan Sunrise	135.00	144.10	-1.60	...
Portfolio	113.90	121.80	-1.70	3.40
-do- Acc	203.20	217.40	-1.00	3.40
UK Growth	75.51	80.32	-0.15	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	75.21	80.43	+0.18	2.00
Select Managers	62.02	66.48	-0.33	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	100.77	107.78	-0.39	2.39
-do- Inc	92.30	98.72	-0.36	2.39
Global Bond	29.65	31.46	-0.28	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.61	54.13	+0.63	4.52
-do- Inc	37.10	39.67f	+0.46	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.54	88.27	-0.41	1.81
-do- Inc	76.33	81.64	-0.38	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	59.67	63.81	-1.06	...
-do- Inc	56.55	62.62f	-1.04	...
Euro Gth Acc	96.34	103.03	-0.69	1.78
-do- Inc	95.45	102.08	-0.68	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.10	36.47	-0.20	1.54
Pacific Growth	88.42	94.57	-1.04	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.08	91.00	-0.86	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	109.70	116.80f	-0.90	3.80
Smaller Cos Acc	258.00	274.80	+0.20	...
Smaller Cos Inc	151.10	160.90	+0.10	1.43
High Inc	71.37	76.37	-0.12	7.23
Income	123.20	131.80	-0.20	4.40
Mngd P folio Inc	92.07	98.05f	-0.09	2.12
-do- Acc	173.80	185.10	-0.20	...
North American	112.30	119.40	-1.20	0.18
Orient	101.00	108.70	-0.80	...
Recovery	36.60	39.35	+0.30	3.00
German	42.49	45.57	+0.06	0.09
Intl Growth	33.35	35.52	-0.36	0.22
European Inc	22.67	24.40	-0.04	0.46
Conv General	19.34	20.69	+0.01	8.06
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.95	66.97	-0.03	1.04
-do- Acc	70.18	74.67	-0.02	1.04
Income Fund 5	207.00	220.30	+0.60	4.11
-do- Acc	470.70	500.80	+1.20	4.11
Inv Portfolio	66.12	68.52f	-0.03	2.18
-do- Acc	74.66	77.37f	-0.04	2.18
Smaller Cos	116.10	123.60	+0.30	2.08
-do- Acc	139.40	148.40	+0.30	2.08
High Inc P folio	58.06	60.17	+0.16	4.85
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	69.35	70.28	...	5.92
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Environ	133.70	142.30	-0.10	1.71
UK Growth	141.20	150.30f	-0.10	2.46
UK Income	120.90	128.70	+0.20	4.57
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	80.35	85.94	-0.88	1.08
Growth	43.71	46.73f	+0.04	3.06
Income	51.70	55.30f	+0.22	4.30
Far East	42.26	45.20	-0.31	0.33
North American	84.77	90.66	-1.38	0.01
Global	83.03	88.81	-0.95	0.63
European	68.07	72.80	-0.43	1.28
Japan	88.38	94.52	-0.84	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.69	63.22	-0.66	4.99
UK Cap Gwth	76.68	82.01	-0.09	2.34

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-do- Acc	144.20	153.40	-2.60	0.06
European	66.75	70.06	-0.74	1.07
-do- Acc	69.19	73.24	-0.77	1.07
Far East Gen	49.43	52.59	-0.46	...
-do- Acc	49.43	52.59	-0.46	...
Glenfriars	245.60	261.30	-1.20	1.30
-do- Acc	275.90	293.60	-1.20	1.30
Growth	365.00	390.40	-3.60	2.61
-do- Acc	625.60	669.10	-0.90	2.61
Income Growth	359.20	382.20f	-0.10	4.15
-do- Acc	477.50	508.00	-0.30	4.15
Master Portfolio	9298.0	9598.0f	-36.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10697.0	11055.0	-42.00	2.86
Special Sits	83.86	89.22f	-0.02	2.55
-do- Acc	98.15	104.42	-0.02	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1163.0	1199.0	-2.00	4.66
-do- Acc	1346.0	1388.0	-3.00	4.66
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Capital	518.60	553.40	...	2.54
Eurotrack 100	130.80	139.10f	...	1.72
Euro Gth	80.42	85.62	...	1.44
Far East Growth	81.94	87.44	...	0.49
Global Bond	23.50	24.76f	...	6.42
Hong Kong	73.18	78.10	...	0.64
Income	492.40	525.50	...	4.77
Intl Growth	73.22	78.14	...	1.04
Japan Growth	211.20	225.30	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.84	28.64f	...	...
Japan Index	62.61	66.81f	...	0.30
Nth American	439.40	468.90	...	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	50.12	53.48	...	...
The Pootle Fd	105.60	111.50	...	2.56
Tiger Index	138.60	147.90	...	0.96
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UK Index	119.70	127.70f	...	3.37
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Japanese P folio	50.16	53.23	-0.48	...
Pacific P folio	91.44	98.33	-0.33	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.23	73.98f	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.86	65.21	...	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
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CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	575.06	577.14	...	5.18
-do- Acc	2223.3	2229.1	...	...
Deposit	6.00	6.14	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.60	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	162.05	162.22	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
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Friars Hse Inc	174.30	187.42	...	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.83	260.03	...	2.98
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American Gth	111.68	118.78	-1.98	...
European Gth	94.76	100.81	-1.04	1.29
Far East Gth	94.52	100.55	-1.33	0.33
Japan Gth Acc	33.70	35.85	-0.34	...
Managed	60.53	64.39	-0.31	3.02
-do- Acc	73.09	77.76	-0.38	3.02
Mthly Inc Plus	45.97	48.90	-0.62	8.44
Smaller Cos	31.56	33.57f	+0.10	2.18
-do- Acc	35.53	37.80	+0.11	2.18
UK General	66.70	70.96	-0.06	2.80
-do- Acc	79.96	85.06	-0.09	2.80
Wwide Bd	65.32	69.49	-0.68	6.17
-do- Acc	81.86	87.08	-0.85	6.17
Wwide Sp Sits	53.88	57.33f	-0.64	0.26
-do- Acc	56.13	60.03	-0.55	0.26
Quilter General	120.67	128.37	+1.00	2.53
-do- Acc	132.82	141.30	+1.11	2.53
Quilter Income	89.62	95.34f	-0.17	4.99
-do- Acc	110.46	117.51	-0.21	4.99
Quilter Intl	126.54	134.62	-1.70	0.43
-do- Acc	128.29	136.47	-1.72	0.43
Quilter UK Spec	68.08	72.43	-0.01	2.55
-do- Acc	90.07	95.82	-0.02	2.55
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	98.06	104.32	+0.23	1.85
Fixed Conv	39.57	42.10f	+0.01	8.39
-do- Acc	103.23	109.82	+0.02	8.39
Equity Inc	138.03	146.84f	+0.50	4.21
-do- Acc	443.81	472.14	+1.59	4.21
High Yield	114.39	121.69	+0.37	5.28
-do- Acc	428.13	455.46	+1.39	5.28
Preference	46.95	49.95f	-0.85	7.94
-do- Acc	237.53	252.69	+4.29	7.94
PPT Europe	148.71	158.20	-2.02	0.60
PPT Global Bnd	83.98	89.34	-0.87	4.86
PPT Gold Com	50.46	53.68	-0.69	...
PPT Thai	60.16	64.00	-0.96	...
PPT Hong Kong	96.83	103.01	-0.78	0.41
PPT Japan	92.59	98.50	-0.99	...
PPT N Amer	155.96	165.91	-2.80	...
PPT S'pore Mly	100.02	106.40	-2.21	...
PPT UK	112.74	119.94	-0.16	1.55
PPT Cash	91.00	91.00	+0.01	6.29
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.69	81.58	-0.78	0.97
Japanese Acc	48.56	51.66	-0.38	...
UK Balncd Inc	121.30	129.00	...	2.60
-do- Acc	141.60	150.60	...	2.60
UK Growth Acc	201.00	213.80	+0.40	2.26
UK High Inc	128.40	136.60	-0.20	6.95
-do- Acc	151.60	161.30	-0.20	6.95
N America Acc	117.50	125.00	-1.50	0.31
European Acc	151.40	161.10	-0.60	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.91	63.58	+0.04	8.89
-do- Acc	96.69	102.60	...	8.89
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.05	48.99	-0.42	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.12	75.66	+0.33	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.10	123.40	-1.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	178.40	189.60	-0.20	1.32
Eurofund	38.03	40.19	-0.44	1.00
Mngd Exempt	163.30	170.20	-0.50	3.08
Growth Inc	207.70	220.70f	+0.20	4.08
High Dist	134.70	143.10	-0.20	6.04
International	313.20	332.80	-1.50	0.98
Intl Income	80.36	85.78f	-0.58	3.03
Pacific	58.00	61.63	-0.47	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	55.25	58.74	-0.37	...
Tokyo	163.80	174.20	-1.90	...

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Endurance	166.30	176.90	...	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.67	107.02	-0.76	3.71
High Income	116.40	122.53	-0.67	5.17
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.46	145.75f	-0.90	2.37
Special Sits	81.82	86.13	-0.22	3.39
North American	107.94	113.62	-3.01	1.09
Far Eastern	212.96	224.17	-3.41	1.57
Intl Growth	87.51	92.12	-4.09	1.57
European	63.09	66.41	-1.16	2.20
Smaller Cos	68.88	72.50	-0.17	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	223.20	236.90	-3.90	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.20
European Tst	109.80	116.80	...	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.94	98.36f	-0.96	0.88
Far Eastern	116.90	125.10	-1.30	...
Oseas Income	88.87	95.19	-1.12	2.69
UK Growth	89.59	95.83	-0.14	1.52
UK Income	99.95	106.90	+0.10	3.87
US Smaller Cos	235.40	251.80	-3.90	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	440.90	471.50	-7.40	...
-do- Acc	450.40	481.60	-7.70	...
Capital	280.70	298.50	+0.40	2.19
-do- Acc	387.40	412.00	+0.50	2.19
Coml Smllr Cos	45.88	49.31	-0.43	1.37
-do- Acc	47.47	51.02	-0.45	1.37
Convertible	106.90	113.70	...	6.63
-do- Acc	198.00	210.60	+0.10	6.63
European	97.36	104.10	-0.70	1.00
-do- Acc	100.60	107.50	-0.80	1.00
Extra Income	278.60	296.30f	+0.10	4.57
-do- Acc	390.10	414.90f	+0.10	4.57
Financial	106.10	114.10	-1.40	0.56
-do- Acc	110.40	118.70	-1.50	0.56
Health Fund Inc	128.40	137.10	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	128.40	137.10	-1.80	...
Income Tst	170.80	181.60	-0.40	4.31
-do- Acc	238.00	253.10	-0.50	4.31
Intl Growth	308.80	330.00	-3.90	...
-do- Acc	342.90	366.40	-4.40	...
Japan Gen	139.70	149.30	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	141.10	150.80	-1.60	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.48	94.18	-0.43	1.06
-do- Acc	92.39	97.25	-0.45	1.06
Monthly Income	140.30	149.40	...	4.68
Recovery	288.80	308.80f	-2.90	0.64
-do- Acc	338.30	361.70f	-3.30	0.64
Gilt Gth Tst	61.47	63.38	+0.29	7.02
-do- Acc	77.17	79.57	+0.36	7.02
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	339.24	360.89	+0.19	2.97
-do- Acc	684.95	728.67	+0.37	2.97
Euro Gth Dist	104.20	110.85f	-0.18	1.06
-do- Acc	107.31	114.16f	-0.19	1.06
Fixed Int Dist	129.98	137.49	+0.07	6.64
-do- Acc	215.75	228.21	+0.12	6.64
Intl Gth Dist	74.04	78.77	-0.46	1.81
-do- Acc	76.59	81.48	-0.48	1.81
Nth Amer Dist	173.58	184.03f	-1.75	0.78
-do- Acc	188.39	199.74f	-1.91	0.78
Pac Basin Dist	222.85	237.07f	-1.28	0.35
-do- Acc	226.28	240.72f	-1.29	0.35
Stewardship Dist	287.76	306.13	+0.75	1.97
-do- Acc	340.43	362.18	+0.89	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	59.55	63.35f	+0.39	3.97
-do- Acc	73.07	77.73f	+0.48	3.97
N Am Stwd Dist	98.64	104.94f	-0.97	0.02
-do- Acc	104.35	111.01f	-1.03	0.02
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.40	147.00	-2.10	...
European	399.30	423.60	-2.30	0.93
Far East General	197.00	209.80	-2.20	0.31
Germany	97.73	103.50	-0.40	0.40
Global Assets In	66.03	70.59	-0.36	2.18
Global Assets Ac	69.15	73.96	-0.38	2.18
Income	108.90	116.50	+0.30	7.24
International	251.80	269.30	-1.80	0.97
Intl Income	75.97	80.71	-0.95	4.57
Japan General	308.80	327.00	-1.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.68	47.79f	-0.16	6.38
UK Capital Inc	148.70	159.10f	+0.80	4.14
-do- Acc	254.20	271.90	+1.40	4.04
Uk Spec Sits	68.41	73.17	+0.01	1.67
US General	115.40	122.90	-2.00	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	113.60	121.50	-1.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.09	45.02f	-0.07	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.32	127.32f	+0.01	5.53
Fract Inv Inc	100.51	107.79	-0.13	4.09
-do- Acc	214.58	230.11	-0.31	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	95.68	102.61	+0.26	1.65
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.26	25.95f	+0.08	8.59
High Inc	30.14	32.24f	+0.02	5.61
UK Equity Inc	121.94	130.42f	-0.08	4.34
Global Bond	30.11	31.21	-0.35	5.51
International Funds				
Gold Intl	64.54	69.21	-1.00	1.69
Frontier Markets	41.75	44.77	-0.42	0.29
Global Inc Gth	120.41	128.54	-1.29	2.73
UK Intl	107.31	114.77	-0.12	0.96
Overseas Funds				
American	132.07	141.08	-2.34	0.58
European	81.58	86.54	-1.15	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	93.88	99.85f	-0.39	1.30
American Emerg	78.71	84.41	-1.35	...
Hong Kong	102.72	110.16	-3.40	1.99
Japan	167.32	178.04	-1.87	...
Pacific Growth	140.79	150.98	-2.09	0.51
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	120.17	128.52	-0.72	0.95
American Gth	123.03	131.58	-1.24	0.35
European Gth	68.55	73.32	-0.01	0.82
German Horizon	48.67	51.04	+0.14	0.92
Japan Gth	63.39	67.79	-0.30	...
Pacific Inc	126.11	134.88	-1.86	3.22
Pacific Strategy	103.74	110.96	-1.46	0.46
UK Prog Inc	70.18	74.09	+0.57	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.65	49.26	-0.04	2.00
Uk Small Cos	42.60	45.56	-1.13	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.00	130.00	...	5.56
Gilt Fixed	120.30	127.60	+0.30	6.59
Growth Equity	276.50	295.30	+1.30	2.32
Guardhill	408.80	436.70f	+1.10	2.65

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Income Trust	101.50	108.40	+0.10	3.81
International	151.80	162.10	-1.20	0.32
Japan Trust	103.20	110.20f	-1.10	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	261.40	279.20	-3.00	0.35
Pacific	332.00	354.60	-3.70	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	335.80	358.20	-0.30	0.64
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.06	36.11f	+0.10	1.87
-do- Acc	35.66	37.80	+0.10	1.87
Inc Adv Inc	28.93	30.67	+0.10	4.29
-do- Acc	29.83	31.62	+0.10	4.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	69.38	74.32	-1.02	0.34
Equity Income	107.80	114.70f	-0.40	3.79
European	134.80	142.60	-0.30	1.49
Intl Situation	72.71	77.35	-0.26	...
Japanese	113.70	121.00	-1.00	...
North American	105.00	111.40	-1.30	0.05
Scandinavian	105.00	110.90	-0.40	0.12
Smaller Cos	28.89	30.73f	+0.02	7.88
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	93.86	100.38	-1.38	...
Asian Enterprise	118.07	126.47	-1.30	1.15
Australian	130.42	139.41	+0.88	1.34
European	357.65	378.78	-3.16	1.05
European Inc	68.04	72.02f	-0.59	3.28
Euro Sml Co	118.77	126.55	-0.01	0.86
Extra Income	250.59	266.77	+0.36	5.49
Family of Funds	66.91	71.47f	+0.27	1.17
Fixed Interest	55.55	59.40	+0.11	9.26
Global Resour	81.22	87.18f	-0.96	1.62
High Inc	268.83	287.37f	+0.35	4.88
Income Gth	226.30	241.00	+0.12	4.02
-do- Acc	569.49	606.49	+0.32	4.02
International	222.19	236.55	-2.22	0.81
Japan Spc Sit	187.34	199.14	-1.57	...
Japan	161.34	171.52f	-1.62	...
N Amer	230.80	252.01f	-3.53	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	161.30	172.85	-1.17	1.28
Pref Gth	45.57	49.48	...	9.80
Smaller Cos Div	152.79	166.53f	+0.12	4.47
Special Sits	247.59	264.91	-0.07	1.38
-do- Acc	379.18	405.71	-0.10	1.38
Best of British	54.14	58.07	-0.01	2.58
Spirit of the Esr	54.23	57.84	-0.36	0.76
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.83	90.72	-0.30	2.34
Capital	148.90	159.20f	-0.90	2.07
Dollar	313.70	335.50	-5.40	0.28
European	190.70	203.90	-1.70	0.57
Far East	226.90	242.60	-1.90	0.63
Financial	631.10	674.90	-1.10	2.65
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.68	26.46f	+0.06	8.14
High Yield	96.59	103.30	...	5.23
Income	128.40	137.30	-0.10	3.66
Intl	205.00	219.30f	-2.40	0.51
Japan Tech	55.07	58.89f	-0.79	...
Nat Resources	56.02	59.91	-0.36	0.89
Security	282.70	302.30	-0.30	2.20
Smaller Cos	101.80	108.80	+0.20	1.80
Special Sits	128.70	137.60	...	2.39
US Smaller Cos	71.80	76.47	-1.14	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	245.70	258.60	-1.30	1.40
Capital Gwth	101.10	106.40	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	123.30	129.80	+0.30	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.89	24.03f	-0.06	1.81
Special Features	25.88	27.49	-0.11	1.64
-do- Acc	30.36	32.25	-0.12	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.96	54.53	-0.16	2.73
Assets Earnings	67.59	71.81f	-0.20	2.09
do Acc	79.56	84.53f	-0.24	2.09
Managed Invest	81.04	86.36f	-0.53	1.38
Expert Children	73.34	78.12	-0.25	1.79
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.08	50.08f	+0.01	5.15
Extra Inc	75.80	81.16f	+0.02	5.37
Gilt	27.57	29.03	+0.06	7.15
Income Gth	37.03	39.59	+0.03	3.80
MIMstar	76.22	78.14	+0.19	8.28
Preference	17.43	19.05f	+0.19	7.01
UK Income	295.80	316.10	-0.70	3.64
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.18	55.44	-0.23	1.71
Property Shares	55.75	59.23	-0.05	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	136.10	143.10	+0.30	3.75
European Acc	110.10	116.70	-1.00	1.89
European Dist	104.80	111.00	-1.00	1.93
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.80	54.03	-0.91	1.02
European Perf	106.10	112.50	-0.90	1.25
-do- Acc	108.10	114.60	-0.90	1.25
Euro Small Cos	20.07	21.38	-0.09	0.80
French Growth	66.74	70.97f	-0.77	0.65
-do- Acc	71.13	75.64f	-0.82	0.65
Hong K/China	63.84	68.67f	-0.20	1.54
Intl Growth	48.75	51.79	-0.50	1.22
-do- Acc	48.75	51.79	-0.50	1.22
Japan Perf	26.68	28.32	-0.07	...
Accum Units	26.68	28.32	-0.07	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.56	30.32	-0.23	...
Singapore Asean	70.93	76.77	-0.37	0.62
-do- Acc	71.37	77.24	-0.38	0.62
South East Asia	209.30	225.90	-0.50	0.90
US Smllr Cos	112.70	119.70	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	113.90	121.00	-2.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.77	87.04	-0.69	2.60
Intl Bond	56.74	57.61f	-1.81	6.65
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.65	68.95f	+0.01	5.83
Extra Income	50.28	53.49	+0.04	7.20
Gilt Yield	119.10	125.60	+0.30	7.97
Global Income	188.70	200.70f	-1.39	4.26
High Yield	127.80	136.00f	-0.40	6.45
Smllr Cos Div	41.80	44.47f	-1.74	5.37
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.78	98.70	-1.24	...
North American	77.98	82.32	-1.08	0.43
European	129.60	137.90	-0.50	0.91
Euro Special	77.19	82.12	-0.31	1.01
General	257.20	273.60f	-0.40	3.48
Japan	322.30	342.80	-1.60	...
Japanese Special	172.70	183.70	-1.00	...
Master Acc	209.90	223.30	-1.20	1.48
Pacific	240.70	256.10	-6.70	0.52
Smaller Cos	91.68	97.53	+0.06	2.37
UK Equity Gth	32.82	34.91f	+0.06	2.84
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.55	77.18	-0.17	0.72
Extra Income	23.34	24.83	-0.25	3.51

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Far East	23.23	24.71	-0.48	0.09
Income Gwth	70.51	75.01f	-0.63	3.06
Intl Growth	49.03	52.16	-0.30	1.00
Japan	51.88	55.19f	-0.66	...
Maximum Dist*	100.40	102.40f	...	8.15
N Amer Equity	41.24	43.87	-0.49	0.47
UK Equity	83.26	88.57	+0.03	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.42	54.70f	-0.02	4.86
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.10	439.50	-1.50	3.00
Equity Acc	777.90	827.60	-2.80	3.00
Equity Income	87.68	93.28f	+0.01	5.26
European	94.27	100.30f	-0.90	1.65
Far Eastern	159.70	169.90	-1.30	0.54
Fixed Interest	50.14	53.34	+0.21	8.03
Gilt	90.71	96.19	+0.11	6.80
Global Growth	62.39	66.37	-0.66	1.02
Intl Bond	56.86	60.49f	-0.65	5.40
Japanese	55.43	58.97	-0.67	...
Overseas Equity	90.99	96.80	-0.97	0.86
Pacific Gth	78.96	84.00	-0.50	1.43
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD. Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	303.30	322.70	-5.90	3.26
-do- Acc	656.70	698.70	-11.50	3.26
Contl Euro Gth	50.86	53.54	-0.17	1.47
-do- Acc	53.79	56.63	-0.16	1.47
Extra Inc	228.50	243.10	-3.70	4.41
-do- Acc	555.60	591.10	-9.00	4.41
German Gth	101.80	107.20	+0.40	0.16
-do- Acc	106.80	112.50	+0.60	0.16
Growth Port	471.10	501.20	-0.40	2.85
-do- Acc	471.10	501.20	-0.40	2.85
Income	427.10	454.40	-7.00	3.99
-do- Acc	1083.0	1153.0	-16.00	3.99
Income Port	477.30	507.80	+0.10	3.87
-do- Acc	477.30	507.80	+0.10	3.87
Japan Growth	76.87	81.78	-0.49	0.01
-do- Acc	77.14	82.07	-0.49	0.01
Master Trust	50.58	53.79	-0.17	1.36
-do- Acc	54.99	58.50	-0.19	1.36
N American Gen	191.80	204.10	-2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	221.60	235.80	-2.70	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	137.20	146.00	-4.70	0.01
-do- Acc	140.10	149.10	-4.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	190.60	202.80	-2.40	0.54
-do- Acc	201.40	214.30	-2.60	0.54
Small Cos Rec	293.80	309.30	+9.70	2.37
-do- Acc	379.10	399.10	+12.60	2.37
UK Growth	75.68	80.52	-0.11	2.42
-do- Acc	88.24	93.88	-0.14	2.42
Worldwide Gth	270.90	288.20	-2.30	0.29
-do- Acc	399.10	424.60	-3.40	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.09	80.57	-0.11	3.10
Income	58.13	62.37	+0.06	6.10
International	54.60	58.58	-0.36	0.80
American	61.98	66.50	-0.64	0.30
Japan	40.78	43.76	-0.21	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.08	56.95	-0.01	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	402.90	425.70f	-4.30	0.83
-do- Acc	497.10	525.30	-5.30	0.83
American Rec	419.20	444.40	-4.60	0.54
-do- Acc	479.70	508.50	-5.20	0.54
Am Sm Co Acc	122.40	131.00	-1.00	0.10
Australia Acc	135.10	142.90	...	1.70
Capital	600.20	634.70f	-0.10	3.27
-do- Acc	662.30	700.30	...	3.27
Commodity Acc	383.70	405.80	-0.10	1.33
Compnd Gth	778.50	823.30	...	3.43
Dividend	32.50	34.80	+0.10	4.86
-do- Acc	126.50	135.40	+0.40	4.86
Equity Inc	270.90	289.90f	+1.20	5.72
European Div	56.20	60.00f	-0.10	5.11
-do- Acc	63.50	67.80	-0.10	5.11
European Gen	374.40	395.90	-0.20	1.56
-do- Acc	467.80	494.60	-0.30	1.56
Extra Yield	346.50	370.80	+1.00	5.15
-do- Acc	995.80	1065.6	+2.80	5.15
Far Eastern	258.80	274.30f	-0.50	1.53
-do- Acc	340.40	360.80	-0.70	1.53
Fund of Inv	481.30	509.00	+1.10	2.43
-do- Acc	868.50	918.50	+2.10	2.43
General	50.60	53.50	+0.20	4.06
-do- Acc	133.30	140.93	+0.40	4.06
Gilt Fxd Int	61.10	61.10f	...	8.92
do Acc	150.90	151.10	+0.30	8.92
Gold	36.50	39.10f	-0.10	2.14
-do- Acc	42.70	45.70	-0.20	2.14
High Inc	22.90	24.20	+0.10	5.26
-do- Acc	84.60	89.40	+0.30	5.26
Intl Growth	65.80	69.80f	-0.40	1.11
-do- Acc	113.50	120.40	-0.60	1.11
Intl Inc	89.30	95.10	-0.40	5.18
Japan Gen Acc	40.60	43.00	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	116.50	123.20	-1.10	...
Midland	48.30	51.70	+0.20	4.69
-do- Acc	152.80	161.60	+0.60	4.69
Recovery	33.20	35.50	+0.10	3.52
-do- Acc	52.20	55.80	+0.20	3.52
Second Gen	56.80	60.10	+0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	138.90	146.90	+0.80	3.99
Smaller Cos	55.10	58.30f	+0.20	3.84
-do- Acc	104.40	110.50	+0.30	3.84
Trustee	35.90	38.00	+0.20	4.41
Charibond 3	‡110.10	...†	+0.10	9.39
Charifund 2	593.20	602.10f	+1.93	5.35
Pension ex 1	826.30	847.00	+1.40	4.70
NAACIF Inc 3-	944.50	...†	...	7.98
-do- Acc 3	‡1050.7	...	+3.00	7.98
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	129.80	138.80f	-0.64	2.62
-do- Acc	144.20	154.10f	-0.64	2.62
UK Income	106.10	113.50f	-0.18	3.24
-do- Acc	118.30	126.50f	-0.18	3.24
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	76.43	81.74f	-1.07	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	121.60	129.00	-0.60	0.45
Income Growth	67.90	72.08f	+0.20	4.49
European	64.56	68.53f	-0.05	2.02
Nth American	58.69	62.30	-0.56	1.17
UK Growth	73.91	78.46	+0.30	1.51
Intl Growth	87.20	92.56	-0.52	0.56
Charities	103.50	109.80	+0.30	4.80
Intl Income	63.62	67.53	-0.28	4.49
Japan	41.05	43.57	-0.21	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	196.40	208.20	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	209.90	222.60	-2.50	...
Cash	100.50	100.50f	+0.10	6.47
-do- Acc	127.90	127.90f	+0.10	6.47
European Gth	192.50	204.20	-0.40	0.34
-do- Acc	206.00	218.60	-0.40	0.34
General	442.50	472.00	+0.20	2.75
-do- Acc	828.60	885.00	+0.40	2.75
Global Dist	135.70	142.60	-0.40	5.46
-do- Acc	148.70	156.30	-0.40	5.46
Income	130.90	139.60f	-2.40	5.21
-do- Acc	191.60	204.40f	+0.20	5.21
International	363.70	387.30	-2.90	0.96
-do- Acc	482.40	513.70	-3.30	0.96

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	151.60	160.80f	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	155.60	166.00f	-1.00	...
New Europe	129.00	137.60f	-0.30	1.45
-do- Acc	131.10	139.90f	-0.30	1.45
Recovery	273.80	292.10	-1.00	2.40
-do- Acc	342.10	365.00	+1.20	2.40
European Inc	73.46	77.80f	-0.14	3.02
-do- Acc	93.19	98.71f	-0.15	3.02
Brit Blue Chip	69.26	73.80	+0.10	3.74
-do- Acc	81.10	86.41	+0.10	3.74
Portfolio	71.57	76.12	-0.02	3.14
-do- Acc	80.20	85.29	-0.02	3.14
Gold General	62.70	66.88	-0.65	3.63
-do- Acc	63.56	67.80	-0.66	3.63
Pacific	85.18	90.86	-0.76	0.55
-do- Acc	90.03	96.04	-0.81	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	48.57	51.81	+0.02	1.11
-do- Acc	54.00	57.61	+0.02	1.11
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 100. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.41	60.37	...	3.70
-do- Acc	56.41	60.33	...	3.70
British Dist	76.49	81.81	...	2.43
-do- Acc	84.50	90.37	...	2.43
European Gth	167.50	178.70	...	0.35
-do- Acc	210.20	224.40	...	0.35
Extra High Inc	66.37	70.98f	...	6.80
-do- Acc	115.40	123.40	...	6.80
FT-SE 100 Index	46.75	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	46.75	50.00	...	...
Gilt Fixed Int	56.23	58.60	...	7.08
-do- Acc	146.00	152.10	...	7.08
High Yield	209.10	223.60	...	5.29
-do- Acc	479.80	513.20	...	5.29
Income	266.00	283.40f	...	4.15
-do- Acc	550.70	589.00	...	4.15
Japan Gth	273.60	292.60	...	...
-do- Acc	288.70	308.80	...	...
Mandarin Acc	91.45	98.66	...	1.37
North American	172.70	184.70	...	0.71
-do- Acc	217.10	232.20	...	0.71
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	259.00	275.60f	-2.90	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00f	-0.07	5.25
Deposit Acc	121.31	121.33f	-0.09	5.25
Euro Gth Acc	253.70	271.20f	+0.80	...
Europa	115.50	124.50f	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	159.00	169.70	-1.10	...
Japan Tracker	59.89	63.49	-0.66	...
UK Equity Inc	137.70	148.30	+0.30	5.29
-do- Acc	165.80	178.60	+0.40	5.29
UK Ind Tracker	136.70	146.40f	-0.30	3.61
US Eq Ind Trkr	198.50	210.40	-2.00	1.22
-do- Acc	208.80	221.40	-2.10	1.22
Asian Trader	141.00	152.80	-1.70	1.01
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PR. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	178.00	182.10f	-1.50	2.62
European	60.12	61.72	-0.12	1.26
Olympiad	52.77	54.20f	-0.22	0.82
Global Bond	47.71	48.23f	+0.10	7.13
Smaller Cos	58.84	61.41	-0.07	1.97
Equity Income	89.17	91.64	+0.08	5.03
UK Growth	80.40	82.78	-0.21	1.87
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	49.06	52.33	-0.58	0.73
Australian Acc	280.90	301.30	-0.70	...
Conscience	61.39	65.51	-0.06	1.71
-do- Acc	65.92	70.35	-0.04	1.71
European	166.90	178	-1.50	1.21
-do- Acc	178	189.80	-1.70	1.21
Extra Income	69.98	74.68	+0.18	6.33
-do- Acc	105.10	112.10	+0.20	6.33
Far East Gth	142.70	152.50	-2.00	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.19	60.54	+0.17	7.61
Gold	28.45	30.59	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	30.64	32.94	-0.17	...
Income	49.78	53.09	-0.07	5.65
-do- Acc	149.20	159.10	-0.20	5.65
International	28.35	30.41	-0.36	0.89
-do- Acc	40.74	43.71	-0.50	0.89
Jap Sm Cos Acc	252	268.80	-1.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	149.70	160.50	-5.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.38	25.13	+0.05	2.07
Special Sits	30.94	33.26	+0.01	1.83
-do- Acc	35.31	37.96	+0.02	1.83
Tokyo	66.66	71.10	-0.84	...
-do- Acc	67.33	71.81	-0.89	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5332				
N&P UK Growth	65.27	69.44	-0.08	3.00
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.40	76.62	-0.12	7.04
N&P Higher Inc	176.70	187.90f	-0.80	5.10
N&P UK Income	95.60	102.25	-0.11	4.23
N&P Intl	83.38	89.66	-0.34	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	70.48	75.39	+0.27	1.87
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	156.19	166.17	-0.55	2.53
Global	265.02	281.94	-2.45	0.82
Growth	100.83	107.27	-0.08	2.50
Income	191.34	203.56f	-0.29	4.30
Intl Bond	126.01	134.06	-1.29	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.00	141.00	-0.20	2.85
-do- Acc	232.00	244.10	-0.40	2.85
Income	209.50	222.50	-0.40	3.92
Intl Equity	207.90	221.10	-1.70	1.16
-do- Acc	227.60	242.00	-1.90	1.16
Equity	208.90	222.20	-0.30	2.71
-do- Acc	423.40	450.40	-0.70	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.82	70.02	-0.20	2.18
UK Income	56.81	60.44f	-0.04	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.93	70.14	+0.01	1.84
New Europe Acc	60.98	64.87	-0.37	1.67
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.62	88.37	-1.67	0.24
PEP Gth Inc	93.74	100.26	-0.65	1.21
Intl Gth	434.30	464.50	-11.91	1.39
Income	271.92	290.83	-1.47	3.97
W wide Recov	270.16	288.95	-7.53	0.96
American Gth	198.25	212.04	-8.36	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	168.31	180.02	-3.40	0.23
Far East Gth	173.76	185.82	-5.23	0.38
European Gth	107.21	114.67	-1.77	1.17
UK Growth	69.33	74.16	-0.39	3.12
High Income	74.95	80.17f	-0.53	4.81
Japanese Gth	159.28	169.89	-2.99	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	167.20	177.50	-1.50	0.80
High Income	102.30	108.90	-1.40	3.92
Conv Gilt	107.20	114.10f	+0.10	6.73
Far East	287.90	306.20	-3.40	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.44	54.72	-0.87	0.54
Emerging Mkts	61.29	65.20	+1.69	0.33

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	46.13	49.07	-0.17	3.49
International	81.71	86.93	-0.79	1.31
Gilt Units	25.29	26.07f	-0.09	8.16
Global PEP	34.61	36.82	-0.34	2.12
Income Gth	60.71	64.59f	+0.04	5.45
European	43.15	45.90	-0.32	1.16
Gilts/Fixed Int	25.32	26.94	+0.06	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.81	30.81	-0.22	1.82
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.99	100.99f	...	5.46
-do- Acc	103.95	103.95f	...	5.46
Pru Equity	638.05	682.40	-2.59	2.74
Pru Equity Inc	77.02	82.37f	-0.08	4.40
Pru European	169.06	180.91	-1.92	1.87
Pru Global Gth	74.97	80.18f	-0.68	1.60
Pru High Inc	83.96	89.79	-0.04	5.45
Pru Intl	149.62	160.02f	-1.80	1.35
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.96	68.40	-0.84	0.94
Pru Japanese	144.26	154.28	-2.30	...
Pru Nth Amer	145.62	155.74	-2.52	0.46
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.14	75.01f	-0.54	1.87
Pru Premr Inc	49.13	51.15f	-0.01	7.48
Pru Smllr Cos	77.58	82.97	-0.03	2.53
Pru Spec Sits	94.43	100.99f	-0.41	2.64
Pru UK Growth	105.76	113.11f	-0.46	2.56
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	149.06	160.49	+0.08	3.76
Japan	217.81	233.23	-1.08	...
Major UK Cos	90.01	96.92	-0.21	2.60
America Income	474.07	507.83	-5.96	0.57
-do- Acc	550.64	589.84	-6.93	0.57
Smllr UK Cos	244.65	266.68	+0.09	1.90
Smllr European	245.61	261.74	-1.40	1.55
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.50	78.19	-0.77	3.74
Capital Units	138.40	147.20	+0.80	1.58
Commodity	96.82	103.00	-0.60	1.30
European Gth	149.10	158.60	-1.20	1.46
Financial Sec	163.50	173.90	+0.20	2.04
High Return	205.10	218.10f	+0.60	4.98
High Yield	200.30	213.00	+1.10	4.30
Income Units	105.70	112.40f	+0.30	5.70
Investment	165.40	175.90	+0.30	1.50
Japan Gth	113.80	121.00	-1.00	...
Japan Smaller	155.40	165.30	-0.20	...
Mastertrund	44.81	47.66	+0.37	1.22
Scotbits	239.60	253.80f	+0.10	2.18
Scotshares	241.30	256.70	+0.50	2.81
Scotyields	217.10	230.90	+1.10	4.36
Select Intl	124.10	132.00	-0.80	0.70
Smaller Cos	206.30	219.30	+1.00	4.68
Special Situation	105.10	111.80	+0.90	0.85
UK Equity	214.70	228.40f	+0.90	3.08
US Growth	143.70	152.80	-1.40	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	244.32	260.60	-7.03	0.69
-do- Acc	263.94	281.53	-7.60	0.69
Australian	127.96	136.49f	+0.52	0.26
-do- Acc	149.94	159.94	+0.61	0.26
UK Enterprise	192.95	205.81f	-0.06	3.17
-do- Acc	222.87	237.72	-0.07	3.17
European Gth	60.79	64.84f	-0.50	1.34
-do- Acc	62.93	67.13	-0.51	1.34
Euro Smllr Cos	55.10	58.77f	-0.27	0.70
-do- Acc	55.48	59.17	-0.27	0.70
Far Eastern Gth	63.22	67.43f	-0.86	...
-do- Acc	64.33	68.61	-0.87	...
Fixed Interest	52.84	55.72	+0.12	8.80
-do- Acc	63.30	66.74	+0.13	8.80
Gilt Income	104.35	109.96	+0.41	8.55
-do- Acc	141.09	148.67	+0.56	8.55
Income	292.29	311.77	+0.32	4.60
-do- Acc	846.61	903.05	+0.63	4.60
Japan Enterprise	52.42	55.91	-0.52	...
-do- Acc	52.42	55.91	-0.52	...
Japan Smllr Cos	331.90	354.02f	-1.94	...
-do- Acc	332.56	354.73	-1.95	...
Pacific Gth	81.01	86.41f	-0.89	0.56
-do- Acc	83.54	89.10	-0.92	0.56
Smaller Cos	177.59	189.42f	+1.16	1.33
-do- Acc	203.52	217.08	+1.32	1.33
Tokyo	84.66	90.30	-1.05	...
-do- Acc	85.52	91.22	-1.06	...
UK Equity	195.38	208.40f	-0.20	3.30
-do- Acc	361.79	385.92	-0.36	3.30
US Smllr Cos	128.10	136.64	-3.21	...
-do- Acc	128.10	136.64	-3.21	...
World Bd	66.90	71.36f	-0.21	1.75
-do- Acc	70.60	75.30	-0.23	1.75
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.08	43.76	+0.35	4.38
Equity Strategy	60.18	64.09	+0.42	1.93
European Opps	71.50	75.72	-0.12	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.58	100.16	+0.03	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	47.00	50.05	-0.01	3.24
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	331.00	354.00	-1.10	3.09
American	254.40	270.00	-4.40	0.89
Pacific	286.20	306.10	-3.60	0.90
European	444.50	475.40	-2.50	1.27
Worldwide	75.86	81.15	-0.38	1.43
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	295.20	314.10	...	2.95
UK Sm Cos Eqy	189.20	201.30	+0.30	2.97
European	326.20	347.10	+0.10	3.19
North American	257.30	273.80	-3.10	0.58
Income Plus Inc	62.18	66.15	+0.54	3.60
UK Spec Sits	63.76	67.83	-0.13	2.65
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.35	26.06	-0.03	3.27
Intl Growth Acc	27.08	28.98	-0.17	1.13
Global Inc Acc	30.12	32.24	-0.17	4.07
Market Ldrs Acc	24.82	26.56f	+0.02	3.28
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	85.30	91.22	-1.51	...
Euro Spec Sits	42.37	45.03	-0.46	...
-do- Acc	44.86	47.67	-0.50	...
Far East Opps	29.64	31.79	-0.51	...
-do- Acc	30.45	32.67	-0.52	...
General Growth	95.84	102.70f	-0.20	...
Global Tech	122.40	132.20	-1.50	...
Income Growth	96.13	103.30f	...	3.99
Income Monthly	54.76	58.56	-0.18	5.37
Japan Growth	65.53	69.69	-0.75	...
Overseas Gth	72.61	77.28	-0.98	...
Smaller Cos	68.60	73.76	-0.06	1.93
Special Opps	94.98	102.10f	-0.20	2.05
Wld Spec Sits	43.90	47.23f	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	44.01	47.38f	-0.35	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.63	45.30	+0.20	1.80
Equity Gth Acc	57.13	60.71	+0.30	1.21

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	41.16	43.74	+0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	54.01	57.39	+0.20	2.41
European Acc	42.98	45.55	+0.10	1.40
Far East Acc	47.94	50.94	+0.50	0.37
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.24	31.98	...	0.60
N American Acc	46.44	49.35	...	0.68
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	260.30	292.50	+1.10	1.73
UK Eq High Inc	34.35	36.50	+0.30	4.01
-do- Acc	40.34	42.76	+0.40	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.30	305.70	-1.00	3.68
UK Lgr Cos Acc	361.80	392.60	-1.30	3.68
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.37	NZ$3.58	...	1.10
US Eq	$2.03b	$2.162	...	0.86
Far East Eq	Y194.6	Y206.7	...	...
Japan Eq	Y196.7	Y208.9	...	...
FT Europe	112.10	119.10	...	1.83
FT North Am	$1.718	$1.825	...	0.83
FT Japan	Y193.7	Y205.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jsp	113.40	120.40	...	1.18
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	358.90	381.10	-4.00	0.28
British	902.80	955.20	+1.30	4.72
European	368.90	392.90	-0.90	1.63
Japan	119.60	127.30	-1.20	...
New Pacific	284.80	303.30	-1.90	1.37
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90	...	5.53
Majority Stlg	100.08	101.08	+0.01	5.39
Inv Tst	177.40	188.00	-0.40	2.04
Saints PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Adams, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	701.90	750.70f	-2.10	2.57
N America Acc	116.10	124.20f	-2.50	0.18
Far East Acc	110.80	118.50f	-1.20	0.16
W wide Bond	62.53	66.38	-0.54	5.42
European	80.27	85.85	-0.79	0.73
Equity Income	78.08	83.51	-0.08	4.19
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.40	37.87	-0.35	0.24
Managed Assets	114.79	122.78	-0.26	3.69
UK Income	35.23	37.68	-0.03	3.84
UK Growth	35.16	37.61	-0.07	2.64
Worldwide Gth	29.42	31.47	-0.22	0.56
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	208.69	222.01	...	0.23
-do- Acc	229.21	243.84	...	0.23
British Gth	82.15	87.39	...	2.37
-do- Acc	95.86	101.97	...	2.37
European	91.23	97.05f	...	1.19
-do- Acc	96.23	102.37f	...	1.19
Extra Inc	175.00	186.17	...	4.71
-do- Acc	274.73	292.27	...	4.71
General Unit	251.77	267.84f	...	2.63
-do- Acc	496.79	528.50f	...	2.63
Income	304.59	324.03	...	3.94
-do- Acc	630.40	660.00	...	3.94
International	480.30	510.85	...	0.57
-do- Acc	627.70	667.76	...	0.57
Pacific	314.34	334.40	...	0.05
-do- Acc	329.20	350.21	...	0.05
Premier Income	49.72	51.79f	...	7.45
-do- Acc	102.11	106.36f	...	7.45
Nat Resources	93.30	99.25	...	...
-do- Acc	102.30	108.83	...	...
Selected Opps	88.73	94.39	...	1.33
-do- Acc	110.80	117.87	...	1.33
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	131.10	139.80	...	0.22
Australia	6.938	7.420f	...	1.08
Equity	174.80	187.30	...	5.47
Euro Spec Sits	141.90	150.90	...	0.57
Financial	37.79	40.40	...	3.00
Global Opps Inc	88.22	94.31	...	2.14
-do- Acc	91.44	97.65	...	2.14
Gold Gen Inc	40.68	43.60	...	1.01
-do- Acc	77.62	83.20	...	1.01
Income	113.90	122.00	...	5.06
Japan General	124.40	132.30	...	...
Preference	21.52	23.10f	...	7.85
UK Capital	99.07	106.00f	...	3.18
Worldwide Cap	192.60	205.90f	...	3.12
World Income	82.06	87.44f	...	3.48
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	75.87	80.92f	-1.29	...
-do- Acc	78.25	83.46f	-1.34	...
Cash	51.29	51.29	...	6.25
-do- Acc	61.04	61.04	...	6.25
European Opps	61.13	65.14	-0.53	0.45
-do- Acc	61.77	65.82	-0.54	0.45
Far East Opps	137.56	146.73	-0.82	0.66
-do- Acc	140.78	150.16	-0.82	0.66
Gold/Nat Res	36.83	39.28f	-0.33	...
-do- Acc	37.88	40.40f	-0.35	...
Japan	63.52	67.66	-0.57	...
-do- Acc	63.52	67.66	-0.57	...
Little Dragons	65.49	69.85	-0.54	0.71
-do- Acc	67.19	71.66	-0.54	0.71
Oriental Income	40.12	42.79	-0.41	3.72
-do- Acc	50.65	54.02	-0.51	3.72
Tiger	207.20	221.01	-3.60	1.19
-do- Acc	216.75	231.17	-2.72	1.19
UK Small Cos	66.17	70.77f	-1.14	2.30
-do- Acc	77.07	82.42f	-0.04	2.30
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	215.50	229.93	+0.70	4.58
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	10.76	11.44	+0.08	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.63	31.52	-0.39	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.58	39.97	-0.57	0.10
Global Bond	$0.949	$0.989	+0.004	7.25
Penny Share	20.68	22	-0.09	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.16	52.16	+0.01	6.29
Gilt Growth	65.16	67.82	+0.07	...
Gilt Income	52.30	54.42	+0.03	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.50	110.90	-0.10	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.708	$0.718	+0.000	...
Challenger	93.52	95.70	-0.61	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388646				
Stockmarket Fd	64.47	68.58	-0.54	2.25

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); f Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	1,900	Coats Viyella	632	Legal & Gn	1,700	Scot & New	1,400
Alld-Lyons	1,800	Cm Union	1,000	Lloyds Bk	5,100	Scot Power	2,200
Anglian W	1,700	Courtaulds	965	MB Cardn	1,300	Sears	3,300
Argyll Gp	1,500	De La Rue	101	Marks Spr	6,000	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wiggn	885	Eng China C	485	NFC	1,100	Shell Trans	6,000
AB Foods	266	Enterpr Oil	1,300	NatWst Bk	1,800	Siebe	1,300
BAA	790	Fisons	942	Nat Power	1,500	SmKl Bch	4,800
BAT Inds	3,200	Forte	5,800	Nth Wst W	672	Smith Nph	490
BOC	667	GRE	3,600	Nthrn Fds	2,500	Smith (WH)	293
BP	7,400	GUS A	227	P & O	741	Sthn Elec	1,500
BT	6,800	Gen Acc	543	Pearson	2,400	Std Chartd	658
BTR	3,200	Gen Elec	6,900	PowerGen	1,800	Sun Allnce	2,700
Bk of Scot	547	Glaxo	6,700	Prudential	3,000	TI Gp	1,600
Barclays	6,600	Granada	3,800	RTZ	838	TSB	3,100
Bass	2,300	Grand Met	5,600	Rank Org	1,500	Tate & Lyle	2,000
Blue Circle	2,800	Guinness	4,000	Reckitt Col	612	Tesco	6,700
Boots	1,800	HSBC	2,500	Redland	996	Thames W	779
Bowater	3,800	Hanson	14,000	Reed Intl	484	Thrn EMI	653
Brit Airwys	10,000	ICI	1,300	Rentokil	840	Tomkins	3,300
Brit Gas	4,500	Inchcape	963	Reuters	525	Unilever	1,500
Brit Steel	900	Kingfisher	2,500	Rothmans	862	Utd Bisc	2,400
Burmah Cast	471	Kwik Save	227	Ryl Ins	784	Vodafone	1,700
Cable Wire	792	LASMO	1,400	Ryl Bk Scot	3,000	Wellcome	2,000
Cadbury	2,500	Ladbroke	2,900	Sainsbury	1,900	Whitbd 'A'	1,700
Carlton Cms	625	Land Secs	5,300	Scot Hydro	1,300	Wllms Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3325.16 (-67.27)
S&P Composite 435.54 (-9.04)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16916.32 (-201.67)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6065.62 (+16.18)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 98.7 (-0.4)

Sydney: AO 1612.1 (+15.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1664.22 (-0.49)

FT 30 share: 2171.3 (-16.5)

Brussels:
General 5958.12 (-18.60)

Paris: CAC 501.23 (-1.78)

Zurich: SKA Gen 475.5 (-3.0)

London:
FT A All-Share 1373.41 (-13.55)
FT 500 1510.93 (-12.75)
FT Gold Mines 91.9 (+0.7)
FT Fixed Interest 111.69 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs 95.95 (+0.10)
Bargains 30227
SEAQ Volume 634.2m
USM (Datastrm) 130.65 (+0.26)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 8	February 19	May 20	June 1

Call options were taken out on 16/2/93: Aberdeen Pet, Aegis, Ald Radio, ASDA, Bimec Inds, Brent Walker, Burton, Ferranti Intl, Forward Tech, Hadleigh, Kewill Sys, Lonrho, McCarthy & Stone, Premier Cons Oil, Queens Moat, Tadpole.
Put: Bimec Inds. Puts & Calls: Air London Intl, Burton, Costain.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	46	57	66	8	24	30
(*582½)	600	18	32	41	30	50	55
ASDA	57	8	12½	14	3	5	8
(*60½)	67	4	8	9	9	11½	14
Bass	550	38	53	67	10	26	32
(*565)	600	13	29	40	38	52	60
Boots	460	42	53	59	6½	18	23
(*485)	500	17	29	38	23	38	43
Br Airways	280	12½	21	27	17	30	33
(*275½)	300	6	13	19	31	43	46
BP	240	30	36	40	4	9	13
(*261)	260	15½	23	29	10	17	20
	280	7	15	30	22	28	32
Br Steel	70	11	15	17½	4	7	8½
(*76½)	80	5½	9½	13	8	11	14½
C & W	700	53	71	83	12	31	39
(*730)	750	22	44	57	37	56	65
CU	580	27	41	49	21	32	43
(*590½)	629	7	21	28	56	62	73
Courtauld	550	41	55	65	14	30	35
(*553½)	600	16	29	42	42	57	62
GKN	420	49	54	62	6	13	18
(*463½)	460	18	30	39	23	31	37
Grnd Met	420	45	59	63	6	15	21
(*444½)	460	18	34	45	22	33	40
ICI	1100	54	87	98	43	64	88
(*1134)	1150	31	63	74	73	92	117
	1200	17	45	56	113	127	148
Kingfishr	500	52	62	69	8	22	29
(*532½)	550	21	34	43	29	45	53
Ladbroke	180	27	33	40	8	14	20
(*194)	200	15	23	28	17	25	31
Land Sec	460	32	39	44	7	23	25
(*471½)	500	10	18	24	27	48	49
M & S	300	41	44	51	3½	7½	11
(*331)	330	17	24	32	10	19	22
Sainsbury	500	42	52	60	7	18	24
(*522)	550	14	25	35	30	43	47
Shell	550	33	46	52	12	19	29
(*574)	600	8	21	27	43	47	54
Smkl Bch	460	24	40	50	20	31	35
(*450)	500	10	24	32	47	54	60
Storehse	180	18	25	29	8	17	19
(*184½)	200	9	16	21	21	28	31
Trafalgar	70	10½	14	16	3½	6	9
(*76)	80	5	9	11½	7½	12	15
Unilever	1150	32	58	78	38	54	62
(*1143½)	1200	14	38	56	74	88	95
Utd Bisc	330	25	29	37	11	17	21
(*347½)	360	9	16	22	30	35	42

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	28	51	62	4	21	33
(*766½)	800	3	26	37	32	46	59
BAT Ind	950	35	52	69	9	38	48
(*967½)	1000	6	36	45	29	72	77
BTR	500	50	53	60	1	7	12
(*546)	550	7	19	29	8	28	34
Br Aero	240	15	29	40	7	27	35
(*243)	260	5	21	33	18	37	48
Br Telcm	390	18	29	34	2	9	17
(*403)	420	2	12½	18½	17	25	33
Cadbury	460	14	24	35	5	22	28
(*461½)	500	1½	10	19	35	49	53
Guinness	420	50	57	64	1½	8½	14
(*464)	460	15	28	40	6	25	33
GEC	280	14	22	27	2	7½	14
(*289)	300	2½	11	15½	11	17	24
Hanson	240	17	20	23	1½	7½	12
(*250)	260	3	9½	13	8	16	23
LASMO	160	9	17	23	4	15	20
(*164½)	180	2	9½	15	17	28	32
Lucas	140	8	19	24	3	12	16
(*145)	160	2	10	16	16	23	28
P & O	500	53	63	72	2	20	29
(*545)	550	14	34	43	12	46	54
Pilkingtn	110	8	16	21	3	10	15
(*113½)	120	2½	13	17	9	15	20
Prudential	300	13	20	25	4	14	18
(*306)	330	2	7	12	23	34	37
RTZ	650	20	38	55	10	37	43
(*656)	700	4½	18	33	44	65	75
Scot New	420	8½	25	35	6	20	27
(*413½)	460	2½	11	17	40	42	53
Tesco	240	10	18	24	4	14	18
(*242½)	260	1	9	16	16	26	30
Thames W	500	13	30	36	5½	17	29
(*504½)	550	1	10	15	45	48	63
Vodafone	360	28	42	50	2½	11	19
(*383½)	390	7	25	34	11	24	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2811)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	143	85	44	12	3	1
Mar	150	114	77	44	26	14
Apr	170	135	91	68	44	27
May	194	155	122	93	72	48
Jun	198	—	130	—	85	—
Puts						
Feb	1½	2	6	29	72	111
Mar	13	24	38	60	91	134
Apr	28	38	55	78	102	134
May	38	51	70	90	118	149
Jun	54	—	89	—	132	—

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	330	33	38	43	6	12	17
(*351)	360	12	21	30	18	27	32
Amstrad	20	4½	5½	6½	1	1½	2½
(*22½)	25	1½	3½	4½	3½	4½	5
Barclays	390	60	63	68	5½	13	21
(*435)	420	34	42	49	12	24	34
Blue Circ	200	21	26	32	7	15	20
(*215½)	220	10	17	24	17	30	36
Br Gas	260	32	33½	35	2	6	8½
(*289½)	280	14	18½	23	5½	13	17
	300	5	9	14	16	26	28
Dixons	200	20	28	32	6	12	18
(*211)	220	10	18	22	15	23	29
Eurotnnl	460	29	63	79	18	35	47
(*470)	500	20	37	59	42	55	67
Forte	180	20	24	28	5½	14	17
(*191½)	200	8	14	19	14	25	28
Glaxo	650	45	70	90	20	37	49
(*667½)	700	19	47	65	48	66	74
	750	8	30	47	92	98	108
HSBC	550	53	65	80	11	30	38
(*581½)	600	22	38	54	31	53	63
Hillsdwn	140	12	16	20	4½	13	15
(*148)	160	4	8	11	16	24	28
Lonrho	80	14	19	22	2½	6	10
(*89½)	90	8	13½	17	6	11	14
Reuter	1300	80	115	147	26	56	76
(*1336½)	1350	47	84	120	47	83	103
R-Royce	120	14½	17½	22	4	8½	12½
(*132)	130	8	12½	17	7½	13½	17½
Sears	90	13	16	18	2	5	6½
(*98)	100	5½	9	12	4	9	11
Thrn Emi	850	32	55	69	18	33	52
(*857½)	900	12	33	44	50	62	82
TSB	160	19	24	30	5	9	13
(*173)	180	8	15	18	13	18	22
Vaal Reefs	35	5	6	8	2½	3½	5
(*38)	40	2	3½	4½	5	6	7½
Wellcome	900	47	75	100	23	47	65
(*901)	950	23	49	75	51	73	91

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	240	23	33	43	18	31	36
(*241½)	260	14	25	35	30	45	48

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	430	21	-	-	3½	-	-
(*445)	460	2½	19	28	18	30	42

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	300	14	25	29	8	15	23
(*302½)	330	3½	11½	16	29	33	41
Scot Pwr	220	11½	18	23	3½	8	16
(*225)	240	3	9	14	16	19	27

February 16, 1993 Tot: 34541 Calls: 18066 Puts: 16475 FT-SE Calls: 4889 Puts: 4692
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 55137)	Mar 93	2854.0	2854.0	2798.0	2804.0	14609
	Jun 93	2850.0	2850.5	2822.5	2817.5	118
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 304429)	Mar 93	94.07	94.10	94.01	94.04	21254
	Jun 93	94.61	94.65	94.56	94.57	11672
	Sep 93	94.70	94.75	94.68	94.68	4212
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 21791)	Mar 93	96.68	96.70	96.68	96.71	328
	Jun 93	96.51	96.56	96.51	96.54	1521
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 465721)	Mar 93	91.91	92.00	91.90	91.99	24599
	Jun 93	92.80	92.94	92.79	92.91	33874
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 687)	Mar 93	108-10	108-18	108-07	107-30	131
	Jun 93				106-23	0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 64593)	Mar 93	102-24	103-09	102-16	103-01	48557
	Jun 93	103-31	104-23	103-31	104-17	419
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	110.45	110.50	110.45	110.50	54
	Jun 93	109.77	109.84	109.76	109.84	1613
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 145985)	Mar 93	93.40	93.77	93.38	93.72	60315
	Jun 93	93.64	93.98	93.60	93.95	3095
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 16296)	Mar 93	90.54	90.61	90.54	90.60	873
	Jun 93	91.50	91.59	91.50	91.54	374
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 48036)	Mar 93	94.41	94.55	94.38	94.52	10155
	Jun 93	94.92	95.10	94.92	95.09	2704
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 39024)	Mar 93	96.85	96.85	96.01	96.21	17411
	Jun 93	96.40	96.40	95.90	96.06	110

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures closed with losses on key positions depressed primarily by sterling's advance against the dollar. Robusta coffee futures closed with gains but dealers noted the market remained volatile and its next move was difficult to predict. The strength in sterling caused fresh selling on old crop wheat and lows of the day were reached at the close.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	725-724	May	814-812
May	736-735	Jul	829-827
Jul	749-748	Sep	844-840
Sep	761-760	Dec	867-865
Dec	780-778		
Mar	800-798		Volume: 3324

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	931-930	Nov	920-916
May	929-927	Jan	922-914
Jul	907-905	Mar	938 SLR
Sep	910 BID		Volume: 1060

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	204.0-02.0
Spot: n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	197.0-93.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	213.0-11.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	212.0-10.0		Volume: 25

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Rementi		Dec	254.0-51.0
Spot: 264.5		Mar	254.0-49.0
May	267.5-67.0	May	257.5-51.0
Aug	269.5-68.5	Aug	262.5-55.5
Oct	255.0-53.0		Volume: 1001

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.75	105.15	122.84
(+/-)	-0.02	+3.64	+1.94
Eng/Wales:	81.50	105.01	121.76
(+/-)	-0.03	+3.57	-1.86
(%)	+3.0	-20.7	-3.3
Scotland:	83.70	105.95	125.91
(+/-)	+1.06	+4.16	+2.29
(%)	-52.9	-36.5	-7.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	unq	unq	May	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq		Volume: unq	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	141.35
May	142.75
Jun	143.75
Sep	109.55
Nov	111.30
	Volume: 333

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	138.90
May	139.65
Sep	107.30
Nov	110.15
Jan	113.15
	Volume: 52

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	155.50
Jun	146.50
Aug	147.50
Oct	150.30
Dec	unq
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	40.3	41.8
May	44.0	45.3
Apr	unq	88.0
		Volume: 130

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 68.50-68.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A thinly traded market remained cautious as the Opec session dragged on through it's fourth day.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.20	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.15	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.15	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.80	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	19.80	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (-1)	194 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	170 (+2)	171 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	170 (+1)	171 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	169 (+1)	170 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (-1)	70 (-1)
Naphtha	174 (-1)	176 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	168.50-68.75	Jun	167.75-68.00
Apr	168.25-68.50	Jul	169.00 BID
May	168.00-68.25	Aug	170.75-71.50
			Vol: 11762

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.14-18.15	Jul	18.22-18.24
May	18.18-18.20	Aug	18.26-18.28
Jun	18.20-18.25		Vol: 20745

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	187.50-89.00	Jun	196.25-97.25
Apr	192.25-94.00	Jul	191.50 BID
May	195.00-99.00		Vol: 107

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1363	1357	1361
Mar 93	1370	1370	1371
Apr 93	1363	1358	1358
Jul 93	1196	1191	1196

Vol: 201 lots. Open int'st: 2831 Index 1335 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1539.5-1540.5	1565.0-1565.5	1239575
Lead (£/tonne)	290.00-290.25	300.00-300.50	61675
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1065.0-1066.0	1085.5-1086.0	853650
Tin ($/tonne)	5776.0-5778.0	5835.0-5840.0	6515
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1197.0-1197.5	1219.0-1219.5	1463650
Nickel ($/tonne)	6107.0-6110.0	6175.0-6180.0	50064

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 76.9 (day's range 76.4-76.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6588-2.6735	2.6615-2.6649	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	48.66-49.09	48.73-48.83	12-16ds	32-40ds
Copenhagen	9.0410-9.1010	9.0620-9.0840	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9650-0.9735	0.9659-0.9732	63-77ds	177-204ds
Frankfurt	2.3551-2.3668	2.3635-2.3667	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	215.13-217.38	216.10-216.55	111-122ds	364-383ds
Madrid	168.32-170.34	169.16-169.36	89-99ds	283-302ds
Milan	2210.70-2230.70	2226.10-2230.60	8-10ds	26-29ds
Montreal	1.7904-1.8178	1.8157-1.8178	0.09-0.08pr	0.20-0.05pr
New York	1.4295-1.4475	1.4465-1.4475	0.36-0.34pr	1.05-1.01pr
Oslo	10.0270-10.0920	10.0540-10.0770	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.9650-8.0200	8.0060-8.0200	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.7040-10.8100	10.7870-10.8100	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	171.92-173.37	173.17-173.37	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	16.59-16.71	16.63-16.68	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.1798-2.1896	2.1798-2.1829	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4332-1.4357
Australia dollar	2.0934-2.0965
Bahrain dinar	0.5325-0.5445
Brazil cruzeiro*	26387.2-26405.7
Cyprus pound	0.696-0.706
Finland markka	8.372-8.488
Greece drachma	312.75-319.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.0898-11.0991
India rupee	42.52-43.48
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4355-0.4455
Malaysia ringgit	3.7764-3.7813
Mexico peso	4.34-4.44
New Zealand dollar	2.7953-2.8028
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2945-5.4205
Singapore dollar	2.3639-2.3671
S Africa rand (fin)	6.68-6.77
S Africa rand (com)	4.5308-4.5362
U A E dirham	5.183-5.307

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4598-1.4609
Austria	11.61-11.63
Belgium (Com)	34.04-34.07
Canada	1.2523-1.2527
Denmark	6.325-6.335
France	5.572-5.577
Germany	1.6453-1.6463
Hong Kong	7.7335-7.7345
Ireland	1.478-1.481
Italy	1546.5-1548.5
Japan	120.03-120.08
Malaysia	2.6335-2.6350
Netherlands	1.860-1.861
Norway	7.015-7.025
Portugal	150.5-150.9
Singapore	1.6485-1.6495
Spain	117.75-118.25
Sweden	7.488-7.498
Switzerland	1.523-1.524

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 4 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.09-3.06	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.25-3.22	3.53-3.50
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.20%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.00%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	12-11½	12-11½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.00-329.50 Close: $331.65-332.15 High: $332.00-332.50
Low: $328.25-328.75 Krugerrand: $330.50-332.50 (£228.00-230.00)
Sovereigns: Old $79.00-81.00 (£52.50-54.50) New $79.00-81.00 (£52.50-54.50)
Platinum: $366.75 (£255.75) Silver: $3.70 (£2.555) Palladium: $114.75 (£80.00)

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Shares follow Wall St lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 15. Dealings end February 26. §Contango day March 1. Settlement day March 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Air	
2	Southnews	Newspapr,Pub	
3	Courts Furnsh	Drapery,Strs	
4	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
5	Aviva Pet	Oils, Gas	
6	Reliance Sec	Business Serv	
7	THORN EMI	Electrical	
8	BTR	Industrial	
9	Ramsdens (H)	Leisure	
10	Alexon	Drapery,Strs	
11	Lloyds Chem	Drapery,Strs	
12	Corp Services	Business Serv	
13	Honeysuckle	Drapery,Strs	
14	Macro 4	Electrical	
15	Vardy (Reg)	Motors,Air	
16	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
17	Bowthorpe	Electrical	
18	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
19	Sears	Drapery,Strs	
20	Shield	Property	
21	Pilkington	Industrial	
22	Allied Text	Textiles	
23	IMI	Industrial	
24	Jardine Strat	Fin Trusts	
25	St Modwen Prp	Property	
26	Relyon	Industrial	
27	Lamont	Textiles	
28	Lee (Arthur)	Industrial	
29	Baynes (Charles)	Industrial	
30	Benralls	Drapery,Strs	
31	Burtonwd Brw	Breweries	
32	Blue Circle	Building,Rds	
33	Spandex	Industrial	
34	Lucas	Motors,Air	
35	Unisel	Mining	
36	Brit Data Mgt	Business Serv	
37	Frogmore	Property	
38	Driefontein	Mining	
39	Filofax	Paper,Print	
40	Hadleigh Inds	Industrial	

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
394	245½	Abbey Nd	351	-8	10.5	4.0	12.1
205	154	Allied Irish	193	-4	...	5.8	11.7
197½	106	Aus New Z	156	+1	...	5.8	...
3725	1906	Bankamerica	3712½	...	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	192	-5	...	6.2	30.7
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	130	+1	4.3	4.5	20.5
464	274	Barclays	435	-12	21.1	6.5	...
6	1½	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	33	+1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	18	...	...	...	...
440	295	Cater Allen	438	+1	26.0	7.9	...
104	61	Cattles	103	-1	3.8	4.9	15.1
2225	912½	Chase Manh	2150 †	...	...	...	...
1850	637½	Citicorp	1825 †	...	...	...	...
300	205	Close Bros	300	...	9.5	4.2	13.4
£117	8687	Commerzbk	£114¼	-225	...	3.4	...
£287	£214	Deutsche Bk	£284	-300	...	3.2	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	76 †	+1	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1039	-22	...	0.5	59.0
421	330	Gerrard Nat	414	...	21.0	6.8	...
606	336	HSBC	582	-16	...	3.4	23.9
587	313	HSBC HK	562	-18	...	3.5	23.1
315	202	Hambros	291	...	13.8	6.3	12.9
355	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
118	54	King Shaxson	118	...	5.0	5.6	...
367	212	Kleinwort Ben	354	+8	16.0	6.0	31.0
575	346	Lloyds	505 †	-8	...	4.9	7.0
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	77	...	3.0	5.2	15.3
381	258	Nat Aus Bk	376	-5	...	5.4	13.1
485	251	Nat West	440	-18	17.5	5.3	60.8
785	418	Provident	774	-2	25.0	4.3	17.7
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	234	-5	9.8	5.0	...
1510	1043	Schroders	1508	...	18.0	1.6	12.6
672	364	Stand Chart	631	-22	20.0	4.2	16.3
179	115	TSB	173 †	+1½	6.4	4.9	-
200	38	Union Disc	109	+4	13.5	...	...
617	403	Warburg SG	615	+6	18.0	3.9	18.2
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	211	+2	...	3.8	...
6725	3067½	Wells Fargo	6575	...	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	150	-2	...	5.4	-
253	168	Wintrust	200	...	9.3	6.3	7.6

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	584	+4	20.0	4.6	13.5
656	472	Bass	567	-6	16.9	4.4	12.3
213	146	Boddington	201	...	6.6	4.4	12.7
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	376	+3	9.0	3.2	17.3
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	155	+5	4.4	3.8	11.3
291	194	Devenish (JA)	281	...	7.8	3.7	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'▲	86	+1	...	5.0	22.8
64½	47	Fosters Brewing	66	-½	...	4.1	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	350	...	...	2.6	14.7
518	360	Grand Met	446	+8	12.3	3.7	14.7
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	410	+1	11.7	3.8	13.6
530	405	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	465	+8	10.8	3.1	13.3
346	245	Hardy Hanstn	275	...	7.9	3.8	15.3
115	113	Heavitree▲	113 †	...	3.0	3.6	-
106	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	78 †	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	269	...	6.0	3.0	17.9
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	271	...	6.5	3.2	15.3
220	151	Macallan-Glen	173	...	0.7	0.6	34.9
630	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	681	...	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Mrston Thmp	232	...	4.9	2.8	13.6
477	394	Matthew Clark	429	...	15.7	4.9	12.9
351	195	Mrrydwn W	284	-10	...	2.9	20.8
493	330	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Paramount▲	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
1030	665	SA Breweries	863	...	...	3.1	-
492	380	Scot & New	414	-9	16.1	5.2	11.3
300	145	Taunton Cider	188	-1	...	3.4	17.6
241	148	Vaux Group	218	+1	9.3	5.7	15.0
349	165	Wetherspoon JD	349	...	...	2.6	30.1
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	457	-17	16.9	4.9	12.0
1436	1073	-do- 'B'	1073	...	16.9	2.1	30.2
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	587	-4	11.4	2.6	16.5
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	93	-2	...	1.5	33.5
22	9	Albrighton▲	21	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen▲	100	...	...	6.7	10.8
182	55	Amec	86	...	10.2	...	7.9
27	2½	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
192	65	Ashtead▲	175	...	4.1	3.1	23.5
151	100	Attwoods	139	-2	5.0	4.8	20.1
225	123	BPB Ind	223	+1	11.2	...	56.7
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.4	25.9
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	...	0.5	2.4	...
118	66	Barcom	93	-2	1.2	1.8	16.9
130	34	Barratt Devs	122	...	2.0	2.2	13.6
396	193	Bellway	396	...	11.5	3.9	21.9
32	14	Bellwinch	29	...	...	...	...
356	186	Berkeley Gp	354	...	5.0	1.9	23.4
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
89	27	Blockleys	37	+1	3.3	...	36.8
254½	121	Blue Circle	216	+3	11.2	6.9	21.6
245	140½	Boot (Henry)	245	...	...	2.9	13.4
108	62	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.6	6.3	16.8
132	66	Br Dredging	93	+1	7.4	10.6	12.1
190	42	Brit Fittings	65	...	5.3	...	...
120	60	Bryant	125 †	...	4.8	5.1	36.7
80	38	CALA	59	-1	2.3	5.2	...
249	187	CRH	217	-3	...	4.1	12.1
48	14	Cakebread Rby	38	...	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	26	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	119 †	...	4.1	4.6	31.4
66	23	Crest Nicholson	48	...	0.0	...	-
58	14	Cussins	45	...	...	...	...
6	½	Dunton▲	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	24½	...	4.8	...	10.0
211	132	Epwin	181	...	...	4.9	14.9
54	23	Erith	32	...	2.0	...	...
300	220	Eve Group▲	300 †	...	...	4.3	10.9
88	25	Evered Bardon	45	-3	5.6	...	24.3
19	3	Explaura▲	4½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp▲	102	-1	4.3	13.5	18.5
79	40	Galliford	46	...	...	...	...
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	700	...	12.7	2.4	10.4
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	94	-1	3.1	4.5	19.6
63	28	Hewetson	36	...	2.6	...	35.3
28	15	Hey & Crofts▲	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	126	Heywd Wim	204	...	12.5	8.2	18.7
106	39	Higgs & Hill	60	...	9.0	...	9.1
39	23	How Gp	33	...	2.5	...	11.4
30	10	Howard Hldgs	18	-1	0.5	3.7	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	42	-2	0.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	17	...	0.5	...	...
240	107	Laing (J)	204	...	9.0	5.9	10.6
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
132	75	Ln Clydeside▲	75	-2	4.5	8.0	28.2
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	7½	...	...	...	7.0
295	180	Manders	295	+1	7.0	3.2	20.4
148	57	Marley	108	-5	4.2	5.2	27.2
97	47	Marshalls	71	...	...	0.4	23.8
155	101	Maunders (J)	130	...	4.9	5.1	11.9
219	76	McAlpine (A)	141	-3	10.3	...	9.8
75	19	McCarthy & S	26	...	0.5	6.1	...
434	181	Meyer Int	321	-1	16.5	6.9	31.0
14	4	Miskin Gps	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	86	+1	10.5	...	...
79	18	NSM	75	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	126	...	...	8.4	-
327	146	Persimmon	229	-1	8.6	5.0	18.8
36	19	Phoenix Timber	34	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	20.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	88	...	3.4	5.2	...
25	1½	Quintcoste▲	5	...	...	...	...
669	365	RMC Gp	599	...	20.0	4.5	21.9
137	62	Raine Ind	107½	...	6.0	7.4	18.0
66	25	Ransom▲	35	-1	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	445	+6	25.0	7.5	27.7
101	61	Rockel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
245	152	Rugby Group	237	...	6.4	3.6	17.9
48	25	Serfdl-Bree▲	31	...	...	...	3.0
79	50	Sharpe & Fisher	79	...	4.0	6.8	...
136	70	Sheffield Insl	138	...	5.4	5.2	33.7
97	51	Sheriff Hldgs▲	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorwss	83	...	...	8.4	12.8
272	169	Smart (J)	238	...	8.5	5.0	10.4
15	4½	Starmin	5½	+½	0.3	7.3	6.6
161	51	Tarmac	110	+1	5.5	6.7	45.5
236	124	Tay Homes	186	-2	5.8	4.2	10.3
113	74	Taylor Woodrw	78	...	0.5	...	11.0
605	398	Tilbury Dougls	528	...	39.0	8.3	17.4
36	18	Tores Hire▲	33	...	...	5.3	...
236	105	Travis Perkins	182	...	8.0	5.9	25.7
58	30	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.7
34	24	Tudor▲	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Ultraplant	63	+1	3.6	7.6	11.6
55	12	Ward Hldgs	28	...	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	464	...	9.3	2.7	34.1
19	9	Wescole▲	9	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	116	...	...	5.6	...
18	4½	West Seafield▲	6½	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	387	-2	6.7	3.0	19.9
221	96	Wilson (C)	165	...	3.9	3.2	26.2
189	65	Wimpey G	130	-1	...	5.4	50.0
81	25½	YRM	29½	...	4.0	...	2.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
543	343	ADT	518	-22	...	...	-
249	193	Adam & Harvey	228	...	11.0	6.4	3.6
127	57	Air London▲	88	+8	...	5.3	10.0
61	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
152	81	Asto Sec	136	-3	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	90	BET Ord	100	-3	...	8.7	14.6
109	41	BSB Res	69	-3	4.9	9.5	8.1
318	218	BPP	305	...	6.9	3.0	17.2
285	179	Barbour Index	269	...	7.2	3.6	20.0
39	13	Boustead	17	+½	0.7	5.5	34.8
223	111	Brit Data Mgt	221	-3	...	2.4	18.4
14	9	Broadcastle▲	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	60	...	4.0	...	18.1
142	72	CPT Gp	94	...	2.4	3.4	10.7
452	262	Capita Group	452	...	5.4	1.6	26.0
36	19	Casket Plc	33½	...	0.5	2.0	12.3
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	52½	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
268	180	Chubb Sec	264	+1	...	1.4	29.2
47	18	Comaca	31	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	11½	+2	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	66	...	3.3	6.7	7.5
216	145	Davis Service	202	...	7.9	5.3	15.3
115	85	EW Fact▲	98	...	...	5.9	7.3
57	8	Gardiner	17½	...	1.3	12.8	4.2
49	21	Gardner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	244	...	4.6	2.5	24.0
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	203	-2	6.3	4.1	15.2
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
155	98	Hutch Whamp	153	-2	...	...	16.5
£114½	6817½	ISS B DKr	£114½	+125	...	0.9	16.2
587	375	Inchcape	579	+1	12.5	2.9	24.6
785	561	Johnson Clean	784	-1	25.7	4.4	16.3
18½	2½	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	222 †	+1	2.7	1.7	18.3
1187	682	Manpower	1180	...	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44½	...	1.8	5.4	12.4
250	88	Pennas▲	250	...	...	1.1	33.3
5½	2	Prime People▲	2½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	108	+2	19.5	24.1	2.3
453	355	RCO	423	...	12.8	4.5	14.2
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	59	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec▲	143	+1	...	4.2	14.4
13	4	Rentaminster▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	219	-6	1.6	1.0	32.2
245	180	Rolfe & Nolan	245	...	6.2	3.4	16.4
399	234	Salvesen (C)	380	+2	7.0	2.5	21.0
43	25	Scott Pickford▲	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securiguard	182 †	-5	9.4	6.9	-
12	1½	Select Appt▲	5½	...	...	...	...
764	555	Serco Gp	758	-2	11.9	2.1	24.3
283	132	Sherwd Cmps▲	261	+6	...	3.1	7.0
157	82½	Sketchley	115	-6	3.0	3.5	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	347	...	5.9	2.3	19.6
81	41½	Welpac	42	...	0.6	1.9	...
22½	7½	Wills Gp	20½	+½	...	0.7	26.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	245	-1	3.9	2.1	19.5
699	413	Amersham	698	+11	12.5	2.4	25.9
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	6½	+1	0.8	...	...
9700	7362½	BASF DM	9600	-100	...	4.2	...
260	201	BTP	256	...	8.8	4.6	18.7
£118	9050	Bayer DM50	£117	-50	...	4.8	...
248	126	Blagden	138	+3	9.5	9.2	9.9
158	115	Brent Chems	147	...	7.3	6.7	69.5
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	510	-2	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	23½	...	2.5	14.7	5.9
179	112	Canning (W)	153	...	7.2	6.4	12.3
616	371	Courtaulds	554	-22	15.0	3.1	15.0
270½	142	Croda	256	...	7.5	3.9	19.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	190	-1	7.0	4.9	17.3
16½	7	Euro Colour	15½	-½	0.6	5.6	...
136	43	Evode	136	+1	3.5	3.5	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	...	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	220	...	7.8	4.7	14.0
£113½	7537½	Hoechst	£112½	-125	...	2.0	...
1410	975	ICI	1134	-25	55.0	6.3	22.4
699	434	Laporte	679	+8	18.9	3.7	18.3
328	138	Leigh	211	-1	7.8	4.9	17.2
290	11	MTM	16½	+½	1.8	...	3.3
1687½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1650	...	...	2.0	...
410	360	Paterson Zoch	409	...	11.4	3.7	17.6
395	355	-do- 'A'	373	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	237	Plysu	267	-2	6.0	3.0	18.0
206	130	Porvair	205	...	...	2.1	21.3
13	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	12	-½	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	447	-3	16.0	4.8	18.0
445	270	Wolstnhlme R	443	...	16.3	4.9	19.5
400	253	Yorks Chem	389	...	...	2.5	20.3
288	214	Yule Catto	288	+1	5.4	2.5	17.5

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	89	+6	...	4.5	4.8
109	23	Amber Day	46	...	3.1	9.0	12.6
306	190	Argos Plc	264	-4	6.4	3.2	18.3
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	77	-1	0.1	0.2	...
306	180	Asprey▲	298	...	...	2.2	24.2
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	56.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	5.7	5.4	13.7
144	74	Benalls	112	+5	3.8	4.6	69.2
256	86	Betterware	239	-2	...	0.7	32.9
114	22	Blacks Leis	27	...	3.3	...	5.6
371	133	Body Shop	145	...	1.6	1.5	16.7
14	3	Brown & Jacksn	14½	...	...	...	...
361	260	Brown (N)	357	+1	6.0	2.2	22.1
80½	29	Burton	70½	+½	...	3.8	...
320	126	Camors	143	...	...	2.5	19.0
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
133	58	Clinton Cards	126	...	3.7	4.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	220	-2	7.0	4.2	25.2
163	77	Colourvision▲	98	+1	...	...	16.6
408	300	Courts Furnish	408	+4	5.0	1.6	20.5
252	100	Crown Eyes	130	...	...	6.2	6.0
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	99	+1	...	...	16.0
57	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	56	...	0.7	1.7	18.6
286	179	Dixons Grp	211	-5	6.0	3.8	24.8
495	355	Dunhill	378	...	7.7	2.7	13.1
33	13	ERA Gp	19	...	...	...	8.8
780	480	Etys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.4	10.8
111	36½	Essex Furn	110	...	...	3.3	22.0
258	199	Etam	213	+1	6.6	4.1	19.0
523	340	Fine Art Dev	523	...	11.0	2.8	20.1
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conns▲	37	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicci▲	29	...	...	9.2	5.8
69	39	Gem SR	50	...	2.0	5.3	14.7
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	39	...	1.8	...	...
2530	1800	GUS	2513 †	...	40.0	2.1	20.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1570 †	-13	40.0	3.4	13.5
75	30	Hampden Grp▲	36	...	...	7.4	5.1
283	123	Hartstone	232	+6	4.8	2.8	14.2
25	16½	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
40	18	Heritage▲	34	...	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle▲	43	-5	...	3.1	7.2
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
195	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	...	...
998	414	Kingfisher	532	-2	13.0	3.3	16.0
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	67	+2	4.0	8.0	11.3
685	405	Liberty	680	...	7.2	1.4	46.3
373	162	Lloyds Chem	285	+3	5.5	2.6	11.2
152	90½	MFI	121	-5	...	4.1	16.1
348	288	Marks Spencer	332	-1	7.1	2.9	20.2
489	319	Menzies (John)	488 †	...	10.0	2.7	16.2
140	110	Moss Bros	135	...	5.0	4.9	26.0
155½	57	Next	143½	+1	0.7	0.7	28.3
85	15	Oliver (G)	19	...	1.0	...	...
250	110	Oriflame Intl	250	+13	...	4.8	16.3
143	49	Pentos	52	...	2.7	7.1	8.2
278	202	QS Hldgs	268	+2	4.7	2.4	20.8
29	7	Ramers Group	15½	-½	2.4	20.6	...
35	10	Rhino Grp▲	31	-½	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.0	14.8
113	54	Sears	100	...	...	4.7	27.5
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	419 †	+4	13.4	4.3	14.8
29	11½	Specialeyes▲	11½	-½	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	185	...	5.0	3.6	...
256	153	T & S Stores	179	+1	5.5	4.1	11.7
95	27	Tie Rack	95	+2	0.5	0.7	...
190	132	Time Products	189	...	7.5	5.3	18.5
80	47	Upton (Frank)▲	81	...	...	8.2	7.9
58	23	Vival	30	+2	...	...	...
66	28	Wearsuma▲	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	95	...	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leathers▲	58	...	...	...	68.2
205	102½	Wyevale▲	163	...	...	3.0	18.1
7	2½	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	2.9

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	16.8
197	128	ACT Group	171	+1	4.5	3.5	16.8
233	195	Acata	233	...	...	3.3	19.5
162½	6	Acorn Comp▲	118	-2	...	...	...
470	299	Admiral	470	...	4.8	1.4	21.3
133	94	Alba	119	...	4.7	5.4	15.5
75	7	Alphameric	28½	-1	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	22½	...	0.4	2.4	...
141	83	App Holos▲	128	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	15	...	...	...	...
48	12	Astec	45	+1	...	...	...
292	218	Bates Hunser	269	...	9.2	4.6	14.0
30	1½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	341	-5	19.2	7.5	19.9
575	314	Black	530	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4575	1150	Borland▲	1350	+25	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	282	+4	6.0	2.9	19.3
430½	305	BT	403	-3	14.4	4.8	15.0
325½	212	BT New	297½	-3½	14.4	4.8	15.0
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	-½	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burnfield	129	-1	...	5.9	18.5
735	489	Cable Wireless	730	-3	13.2	2.4	22.5
14½	4½	Chloride	13	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro▲	246	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	85	...	5.4	...	11.0
16	1	Cranbrook▲	1½	-1	...	...	...
151	60½	Cray Elect	144	-1	...	0.5	11.8
506	331	Delta	445	-3	14.0	4.2	17.6
298	146	Denmans Ele	298	...	...	2.7	-
607	375	Domino	580 †	...	7.2	1.6	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	57	-2	2.5	5.8	18.7
1015	750	Dracol	965	+2	...	1.3	23.5
382	233	Electrocomps	375	...	7.0	2.5	20.3
545	280	El Data Pro	500	...	5.1	1.4	13.6
75	28	Electron House	67 †	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	18	-1	1.0	...	...
550	292	Eurotherm	531	...	8.0	2.0	-
123	51	FKI	122	...	2.3	2.5	23.6
367	227	Farnell Elect	357	...	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback▲	35	...	...	...	...
19½	3½	Ferranti	14½	-½	...	...	...
125	30	First Tech	123	...	...	...	...
133	71	Forward Gp▲	130	+5	...	2.6	15.6
28½	10	Forward Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
302	183	GEC	287½	+2½	9.6	4.4	15.3
227	102	Grasely	158	...	10.9	9.2	13.2
57	28	Hilclare▲	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
456	305	Hoskyns Gp	454	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM▲	90	+5	...	6.2	5.7
345	190	James Stroud	342 †	...	8.0	3.1	14.9
21	8	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.1	3.1
319	47	Kewill Syst▲	70	+1	...	...	15
133	92	Kode	133	...	...	4.0	17.6
48	8	Laser-Scan▲	38	...	...	...	...
264	49½	LDMS▲	257	+8	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	201	...	14.5	6.0	22.4
179	125	Life Sciences	172	...	3.3	2.6	19.1
232	130	Logica	180	...	3.6	2.7	26.3
55	45	LPA Inds	48	...	...	9.8	13.5
587	371	Macro 4	584	+4	...	2.9	21.8
613	305	Memrlec-Swe	591 †	...	...	2.1	19.4
212	159	Microfilm Rep	202	...	4.3	2.9	19.3
3013	1453	Micro Focus	2953	-47	...	...	32.8
226	130	Microgen	125	...	7.2	4.3	-
36	13	Microvitec▲	33	...	...	...	...
498	201	Misys	475	...	6.1	1.7	21.7
147	40	Mitel	132	...	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Compu▲	138	...	...	3.4	17.5
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Inst▲	251	+8	...	1.8	15.7
166	82	Maidstone Elect	160	...	3.0	2.5	19.6
143	71	Murray Enter	140	...	1.8	1.8	-
6125	3962½	NYNEX	6125	...	...	...	...
188	115	Neotronics	183	+1	2.6	1.9	23.6
63	32	Newmark (L)	42	...	...	...	...
90	33	Norbain▲	84	-1	...	1.6	12.6
50	20	Northamber	41	+1	0.5	1.6	...
17½	9½	Oceonics	9½	...	...	...	6.2
254	165	Oxford Inst	218 †	...	4.3	2.6	14.7
127	46	P-E Intern'l	35	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	36	...	1.4	3.9	-
70	42	Peek	70	+1	3.4	6.5	20.7
190	85	Pegasus▲	148	-1	...	6.3	-
9300	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	892½	-37½	...	...	...
452	310	Pifco	452	...	7.7	2.3	38.6
432	290	-do- 'A' Voting	432	...	7.7	2.4	36.0
95	48	Plasmec▲	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
104	65	Pressac	97	...	2.4	3.3	18.0
220	65	Psion▲	116	+9	...	2.8	...
11	2	Ptarmigan	1½	...	...	...	...
190	129	Racal Elect	182	-1	1.5	1.1	21.6
46	26	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Radius▲	57	+1	...	6.3	42.4
116	62	Real Time▲	64	...	...	6.3	5.8
28	10	Riva▲	21	...	...	...	...
547	335	Sage Gp	547	+7	9.0	2.2	17.5
66	44	Scantronic	66	...	2.9	6.0	20.8
142	92	Scholes Grp	135	...	5.0	4.9	26.5
340	179	Sema Gp	281	-2	2.6	1.2	24.2
45	21	Silverstines	37	...	...	7.8	...
50	29	Soundtracks▲	40	...	...	7.3	-
2012½	1275	TDK	1950	-34½	...	1.4	20.5
8	3	TDS Circuits▲	5	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	110	-5	0.6	0.7	38.4
886	633	THORN EMI	858	+4	30.1	4.7	22.1
110	88	Thorpe FW	100	+5	2.5	3.0	11.3
98	33	Total Systems▲	98	+3	2.2	3.1	17.5
408	190	Tunstall	408	...	6.0	2.0	18.3
236	123	Unitech	226 †	+1	5.8	3.5	39.5
24½	9	Verityu▲	9½	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vitec▲	26	...	...	1.5	22.2
434	285	Vodafone	364	-3	...	2.0	18.6
441	249½	Volex	410 †	-3	...	5.5	20.8
17	10	Western Select	15	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	226 †	...	11.7	6.9	21.5

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	425	-3	17.1	5.4	8.2
447	266	Eastern Elect	445	+2	16.7	5.0	11.0
261	143	Hydro-Elect	244 †	-3	10.1	4.3	11.1
465	288	London Elect	444	-1	16.8	5.0	8.5
513	324	Manweb	496	-2	18.2	4.9	7.2
483	287	Midlands Elec	466	-6	17.2	4.9	9.8
496	295	Northern Elec	488	-4	18.5	5.1	7.2
496	298	Norweb	486	-7	17.7	4.9	9.1
347	142	Scottish Power	225	-2	10.1	4.6	11.0
485	297	Seeboard	479	...	17.2	4.8	8.6
539	313	Sth Wales	511	+1	19.4	5.1	8.1
478	293	Sth Western	467	-9	17.4	5.0	8.4
458	270	Southern Elec	453	...	16.6	4.9	9.0
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	489	-6	17.7	4.8	9.1
310½	188	National Powr	302½	...	9.1	4.0	10.0
312	196	PowerGen	304	+1	9.2	4.1	9.5

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
69	37½	BWD▲	60	...	...	5.8	9.6
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	438	-1	14.4	4.4	16.8
1950	1050	Camellia	1450	...	27.0	2.5	12.2
290	230	Candover	248	-2	9.5	5.1	20.5
61	48	Flextech▲	86	-3	...	...	8.5
201	103	Govett	199	-2	...	7.0	5.8
135	97	Ivory Sime	132	...	...	6.3	14.0
6½	3½	LIT	6	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
168	110	Lon Forfaitng▲	168	...	...	...	0.6
84	14	Manakin	76	...	...	6.1	14.6
10½	1½	Nat Home Loan	10½	+½	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	47	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	252	-1	...	2.6	17.8
19½	9½	Rutland Tst	18	...	0.8	5.9	10.2
330	120	S & U	294	-1	...	3.7	10.6
62	34	Singer & Fried	61	+½	2.5	5.5	13.4
938	575	Sothebys	925	-13	...	4.5	...
95	73	SIP Capital	95	...	3.0	4.2	17.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1043½	Amer Express	1747½	...	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	213	-6	6.7	4.2	29.0
973	535	Henderson Ad	928	-17	41.0	5.9	20.4
180	50	Invesco MIM	95	...	...	4.2	13.9
223	121	Jardine Strat	205	+3	...	3.6	9.1
183	100½	MAI	173	-2	6.0	4.6	12.6
469	244	MAM	421	-18	11.5	3.6	16.8
755	460	M & G	743	-2	20.0	3.6	19.8
147	81	Smith New Ct	144	...	4.2	5.7	...
98	57	Sterling Tst▲	97 #	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	72	-2	...	5.6	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	464	-4	14.0	4.0	10.6
69½	21½	ASDA Group	60½	-1	...	3.5	19.5
208	75	Acatos & Hutch	208 †	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
83	31	Albert Fisher	67½	+1½	3.7	7.4	11.2
432	223	Argyll	362½	-5½	9.7	3.6	14.3
51	11	Ashley Group	21	-1	0.7	4.8	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	134	-1	7.0	7.0	24.7
190	143	Banks (S C)	186	...	8.2	5.9	9.3
346	200	Barr (AG)	345	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crsps▲	82	-2	...	4.6	8.7
137½	50	Berisford Intl	125	-1	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	414	-6	21.7	7.0	12.6
44	28	Borthwick	36½	...	1.1	4.0	25.5
474	334	Brake Bros	435	...	5.7	1.8	18.2
51	31	Budgen	39	...	...	...	13.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	462	-7	12.5	3.6	17.0
107	64	Carrs Milling	82	-3	3.9	6.3	16.4
255	106	Clifford Fd 'A'	255	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick▲	186	...	...	5.4	13.7
8	3	Cullens	5	...	0.5	3.5	10.2
435	250	Dalepak	274 †	+12	6.0	2.9	12.4
491	352	Dalgety	469	-1	19.5	5.6	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	34	...	0.2	1.0	37.2
132½	92½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak▲	290	...	...	2.3	20.6
16	3	Farringford	9	+½	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	85	...	4.1	6.5	15.9
95	68	Fyffes	86 †	-2	...	1.8	11.8
440	249	Geest	410	-9	7.9	2.6	15.5
12	5	Global▲	8	...	...	8.3	7.3
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	165	-1	6.1	4.9	10.0
200	68	Hillsdown	148	-1	8.8	7.0	8.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
680	412	Iceland Frozen	657	...	8.5	1.7	17.6
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	805	-1	16.0	2.7	16.8
286½	169	Low (Wm)	246	...	8.4	4.6	11.9
74	29	Mathews (B)	50	-1	4.5	...	10.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	161	-2	...	0.6	25.2
515	318	Nichols (JN)	513	...	12.3	3.2	14.6
317½	215	Nthn Foods	260	-3	...	4.0	14.3
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fns▲	21	...	...	...	8.8
193	132	Nurdin Peack	177	+1	5.5	4.2	12.0
226	78½	Park Foods	220	...	3.2	1.9	26.3
155	45	Perkins Food	87	...	4.3	6.6	7.6
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3½	1½	Regina Hlth▲	1½	...	...	...	...
384	307	Sainsbury J	322	-10	8.7	2.2	19.5
61	33	Senior Farms▲	33	...	...	4.0	7.7
340	175	Sims Food	220	-1	11.2	6.8	11.9
443	285	Tate & Lyle	400	-4	12.0	4.0	14.7
296	194½	Tesco	243	-3	6.3	3.5	11.5
211	152	Thorntons	209	-2	3.6	2.3	19.5
163	83	Treats▲	146	...	...	3.3	16.4
368	192	Unigate	354	-3	15.3	5.8	12.6
440	222	Utd Biscuits	348	...	15.3	5.9	12.1
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	315	-5	13.3	5.6	16.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk H▲	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Res	81	+1	1.4	2.4	22.1
262	112	Forte	192	+2	9.0	6.9	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	173	-5	5.5	4.2	13.9
12	5	Harmony Leis▲	8	...	...	...	...
114	92½	Jurys Hotel	98	...	...	6.2	11.5
267	126	Ladbroke	195	-2	11.1	7.6	16.1
71	37½	Mandarin Orntl	70	-1	...	4.9	18.4
92	26	Queens Moat	50½	-½	3.8	7.6	6.7
118	51½	-do- 7¾% cvpr	94	-½	7.5	10.6	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	-½	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	52	-½	3.4	8.8	10.2
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
48	23	Stakis	45	...	...	1.3	-

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	175	AAF Inds	224	...	...	4.5	11.8
616	460	AAH	525	-2	16.3	4.2	16.7
203	122	AIM	154	-1	6.5	5.6	9.6
136	76	APV	124	...	5.4	5.8	22.4
165	50	ASW	124	...	9.0	...	23.5
147	86	Adwest	141	...	7.0	6.6	20.0
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	462	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
123	38	Alexdra W	121	-1	3.6	4.0	64.4
22	9	Allied Radio	9	...	...	...	...
465	398	Alumasc	465	...	11.0	3.2	14.2
62	9	Alvis	28	...	1.0	4.9	5.8
420	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
33	13	Amberley Gps	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
823	503	Antofagasta	823	+5	...	2.3	20.1
50½	29½	Armour	45 †	...	1.4	4.4	13.2
168	123	Ash & Lacy	160	...	6.4	5.3	13.2
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
555	300	Avon Rubber	539	...	16.5	4.1	-
195	103	Assoc Nursg▲	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	445	Atlas Equip▲	680	...	...	4.1	14.0
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	160½	+2½	7.5	6.2	20.7
53	24	BLP Groups▲	29	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	58	-2	5.0	11.5	2.5
774	566	BOC	737	-8	23.2	4.2	16.2
76	51½	BSG	71½	...	3.2	6.0	19.4
422	256	BSS Group	410	-1	...	3.6	16.4
574	381	BTR	547	+2	16.5	4.0	19.2
218	115	BWI	217	...	6.7	4.1	23.9
70	26½	Babcock	34	-½	3.1	...	7.1
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	193	Baird (Wm)	255	-1	8.9	4.7	16.4
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	681½	...	...	5.6	3.5
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	62	+3	1.3	2.9	19.8
35	10	Beaufort	12	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham▲	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)▲	27	...	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	24½	-1	0.1	0.5	22.5
679	444	Bespak	679	+9	9.0	1.8	21.2
181	109	Bibby (J)	130	...	9.7	10.6	7.2
184	84	Billam (J)	176	-1	4.2	3.2	8.1
55	28	Biston Brrsea▲	32	...	...	...	16.0
7½	3½	Bimec Ind	9½	+½	0.6	...	...
43	20	Black Arrow	41	...	2.1	6.8	9.8
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1	...	...	...	...
180	100	Black (Peter)	171	...	2.9	2.3	17.5
185	32	Bluebird Toys▲	185	+6	...	...	...
539	361	Bodycote	519	...	9.2	2.4	18.3
571	398	Boots	485	-3	12.4	3.4	18.2
84	40	Booth Inds	57	...	3.2	7.5	5.9
508	312½	Bowater	493	+8	11.5	3.2	22.5
1682	905	Bowater Inc	1519 †	...	...	...	...
229	126	Boxmore Intl▲	224	-1	...	2.1	21.6
30	13	Brasway	14	...	0.5	5.5	18.1
274	186	Brammer	263	-3	13.0	6.6	18.1
33	11	Bridgend Gp	15½	+1	1.2	...	7.0
103	34	Bridon	88	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	63	...	4.1	8.7	11.8
40	23	Brierley Inv	39	-½	...	8.1	9.0
943	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Fondarnck▲	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	465	...	9.0	2.6	14.1
80	47½	Br Steel	76½	-1	...	1.7	72.0
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	13½	-½	...	2.5	...
294	212	Br Vita	262	-2	...	3.6	17.3
15	5½	Britton Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
682	420	Broken Hill	672	-8	...	2.7	31.9
128½	67	Bromsgrove Ind	109	-1	4.0	4.9	15.0
15	3	Brooke Tool	10½	+½	...	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	108 †	-2	6.0	7.5	...
37	13	Business Tech▲	25	...	...	...	27.7
35	12	CI Group	24	-1	2.0	11.4	9.8
66	14	Campbl & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	12½	-½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	230	...	10.5	6.1	14.7
302	130	Carclo Eng	302	...	7.8	5.2	17.0
2675	1673	Carnaud Mtl	2463	-212	...	3.7	7.7
80	55	Cassidy Bros▲	68	-2	...	4.7	7.6
195	118	Castings	160	...	4.0	3.4	11.4
140	90	Chamberlin Hill	120	...	6.0	6.7	7.2
707	467	Charter Cons	658	-4	21.5	4.4	15.8
270	176	Chemring	265	...	...	4.1	16.0
120	74	Chieftain Gp▲	74	...	...	8.8	8.2
39	18	Chillington	29	...	0.5	2.4	...
170	90	Christies Int	153	...	3.3	...	...
51	33	Claybithe	48	-1	2.5	6.9	...
140	80	Clayton Son	89	...	3.0	4.5	...
7	1½	Co Designers▲	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	209	...	6.5	4.2	12.4
236	126	Concentric	133	...	...	3.2	16.7
335	88	Cook (Wm)	166	-2	10.0	...	11.1
213	103	Coalson	209	-1	6.0	3.8	29.1
60	35	Copyrmore▲	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
240	176	Crmwll Pkr 'A'	215	...	5.7	3.5	16.2
178	118	Covah	162	+2	10.7	8.6	23.4
250	180	Creighton Nt▲	200	...	...	4.7	14.5
30	20	CrestaCare	25	...	0.7	3.3	18.1
345½	145½	Dans	1350 †	...	...	...	...
577	168	Danka Bs Sys	546	-17	3.7	0.9	17.2
11	5	Dawtec (DY)▲	8	...	...	...	...
707	474	De La Rue	663	-9	15.0	3.0	20.3
23	10	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	6.3	9.5
444	261	Diploma	428	-1	9.7	3.0	22.3
88	43	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
66	54	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	10.4	9.2
18	8	EFG▲	18	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	407	-2	11.7	3.8	15.2
28	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½	...	...	...	...
36	16	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
57	25	Eleco	35	...	3.3	...	14.7
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2050	-75	...	2.9	-
480	45	Ellion (B)	55	...	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	442	-5	20.0	6.0	15.2
2112½	900	Ericsson 'B'	2062½	+25	...	1.6	-
97	56	Erskine Hse	60	-2	6.6	14.8	6.3
101	39	Eurocopy	39 †	...	1.6	5.5	-
158	39	Expamet	69	...	10.3	...	8.2
570	302	Fairey Group	567	...	9.0	2.1	18.8
108	61	Fenner	88	...	4.2	6.4	16.6
61	18	Ferraris Groups▲	55	-6	...	2.4	12.6
1½	½	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	243	-2	8.7	4.8	17.7
61	28	Fitzwilton	32	-1	...	15.8	...
255	200	Flogas	245	...	...	4.1	10.1
56	39	Folkes Group nv	43	...	3.3	7.4	8.7
73	42	French (Thomas)	58	...	3.6	8.3	-
595	298	Frost Group	560	...	2.0	0.5	36.1
115	63	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.0	16.9
475	281	GKN	465	+8	20.5	5.9	29.7
93	40	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	5.4	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	150	...	8.2	7.6	6.3
58	21	Gieves	31	...	...	...	22.4
943	632	Glaxo	667	-32	17.0	3.4	20.2
25½	14	Glencewton	23	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	260	...	11.6	6.0	25.6
97	63	Goode Durrant	85	-1	5.4	8.5	18.0
199	79	Grampian Hd	115	...	5.5	6.4	14.9
379	192	Granada	370	+7	7.7	2.8	19.7
320	245	Great Stmrs▲	320	...	...	4.2	13.8
125	75	Green (Ernst)▲	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre▲	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
20	6	Guardian Grp▲	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	35½	-½	8.0	...	5.6
80	45	Hadleigh Inds▲	72	+3	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	140	...	8.6	8.2	12.5
254	148	Halma	251	-1	2.2	1.2	31.1
55	29	Hampson Ind	38	...	2.3	...	10.3
265½	184½	Hanson	250	-4	...	6.2	12.6
241	138	Harris (Philip)	238	...	6.2	3.5	16.6
173	104	Harrisn Crsfld	170	-2	9.0	7.1	29.3
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Les▲	2½	...	...	...	...
51	17	Hay (Norman)	51	+15	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	21	...	0.7	4.4	11.1
437	211	Hepworth	348	+7	14.8	5.7	13.8
172	116	Hewitt (J)	170	...	2.5	2.0	13.1
283	28	High-Point	28	...	1.3	6.2	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	121 †	...	6.0	6.6	-
10	3	Hobson▲	9	...	...	...	...
100	69	Holders Tech▲	94	...	...	8.7	12.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	33	+1	3.7	...	9.6
232	146	Hornby▲	146	...	...	8.2	11.4
33	6½	Hospital Crp	12½	...	...	8.5	3.4
72½	32	Howden	63	...	2.0	4.3	9.2
233	149	Hunting	233	...	10.0	5.7	18.1
950	285	Huntigh Tec▲	880	...	...	0.7	32.5
306	210	IMI	262	+4	10.0	5.1	18.1
96	49	ISA Intl	95	+1	1.3	1.9	18.3
205	127	Intercare Gp▲	187	+1	...	1.9	-
266	175	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.1	17.0
498	259	Jardine Math	422	-1	...	2.7	12.2
537	317	Johnson Matth	465	-3	9.6	2.8	19.3
73	44½	Johnson & FB	55½	-1	3.0	7.2	17.1
207	117	Johnston	120	...	9.0	...	56.5
62	34	Jones Shipman	34	...	...	...	...
35	19	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	30	...	...	...	24.7
138	73	Kalon	138	+½	3.2	3.1	23.3
458	253	Kelsey Ind	288	...	13.0	6.0	-
550	450	Kenshaw (A)	545	...	27.0	6.8	27.3
108	44	Kleen-Eze	98	...	...	...	...
75	30	LGW▲	75	...	...	2.0	26.1
343	229	Laird	293	+1	...	4.6	14.2
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	126	+4	5.9	6.2	53.5
130	86	Lilleshall	130	...	4.0	4.1	13.8
126	71	Lincat▲	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Hse▲	15	+2	...	...	...
128	61	Lloread	100	...	3.5	...	14.1
193	120	Linton Park	185	...	13.0	9.4	32.4
36	10½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
19½	10	Locker (T) A	19½	...	1.0	6.8	61.4
316	157½	Lon Intl	228	-3	9.4	5.5	15.5
180	57	Lonrho	89½	+2½	...	8.0	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	301	-2	9.1	4.0	16.0
323	200	MB-Caradon	308	-2	8.5	3.7	24.1
159	108½	-do- pf	155	-2½	7.2	6.2	...
49	12	ML Hldgs	19 †	...	1.8	...	18.3
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
50	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
265	171	Macfarlane	265	...	...	2.1	25.1
401	220	McKechnie	400	+2	14.7	4.9	20.9
119	72	McLeod Russel	102	...	6.0	7.8	12.4
12½	6½	Maddox	9½	...	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	68	...	5.4	...	47.6
98	66	Mang Bronze	75	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	26	...	0.3	...	...
174	87	Mayborn▲	171	-2	...	3.3	14.6
41½	28	Mayflower	40½	...	...	1.3	20.0
301	150	Meteva	215	-2	1.5	0.9	21.3
108	66	Meggitt	96	...	3.6	5.0	14.3
123	90	Metalr	115	+1	...	4.1	15.2
137	68	Metsec▲	76	...	...	6.7	...
58	27	Midsmrs	51	-2	...	7.8	8.3
22½	14	Mining & Ald	17½	...	0.5	3.8	...
415	295	Molins	415	...	12.7	4.1	11.1
345	229	Morgan Crcle	327	-2	12.6	5.1	16.0
145	79	Morris Ashby▲	136 †	...	...	4.6	11.8
31	14	Neepsend	26 †	...	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
131	88	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	15.8
164	62	Norcros	145	-5	7.0	6.4	24.8
81	26	Novo Group	39	+1	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	325	...	...	8.2	0.0
53	31	Office Elec Mac	49	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	32	+½	1.7	7.3	...
155	135	PCT▲	137	...	...	6.8	12.4
51	47	Paper Systems▲	47	...	...	7.8	...
147	94	Pentland	123	+1	2.2	2.4	17.7
380	280	Photo-Me	374	-5	4.4	1.6	10.1
160	67	Pilkington	114	-3	6.0	7.0	41.5
34	19	Plaim▲	25	...	...	...	...
79	39	Plantsbrook	72	...	...	5.6	10.5
147	93	Polypipe	139	...	1.9	1.9	20.8
504	335	Portals	488	...	13.8	3.8	15.9
65	18	Porter Chadbrn	28	...	2.5	12.3	6.7
14	1½	Porth Gp▲	7½	+½	...	...	...
363	204	Powerscreen	355	-1	6.0	2.3	20.1
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	5.1	9.9
49	16½	RPS Groups▲	42	...	...	...	14.0
100	70	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
103	31	Ramco Oil▲	99	-2	...	2.7	70.6
772	444	Rank Org	687	-9	31.0	6.2	18.5
39	6	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	611	-5	15.1	3.3	14.4
100	40	Record	68	...	3.6	7.1	13.1
9½	2½	Reece	2½	...	...	...	8.7
169	105	Relyon	156	+5	4.9	4.2	23.3
313	248	Renishaw	291	[illegible]	6.5	3.3	22.0
68	44	Renold	55	...	3.0	2.4	...
1438	962	Reuters	[illegible]	...	...	2.1	32.2
37	22½	Rexmore	28	...	...	1.2	7.0
103	58	Ricardo Group	103	+1	5.7	7.4	26.5
81	50	Richards (Leics)	59	...	4.4	9.9	5.9
69	47	Richardson West	64	...	2.8	6.3	15.3
130	97	Ropner	123	...	4.2	4.9	8.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	115	...	3.2	9.6	8.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	35	+1	0.4	1.7	19.3
440	250	Rotork	440	+6	10.5	3.2	22.3
135	65	Rubicon	122	...	...	1.6	...
100	57	Russell (A)	57	-1	2.1	5.0	30.1
21	14	SEP Indl	19	...	0.6	4.6	-
1300	612½	SKF 'B'	750	...	...	1.3	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	235	...	9.0	5.1	10.0
56	32	Savage▲	51	...	...	0.1	67.2
44	29	Saville Grdn (J)	44	...	2.2	6.7	17.2
242	158	Scapa	235	...	5.3	3.0	19.5
245	188	Scholl	229	...	6.0	3.5	19.5
17	2½	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	645	Securicor	968 †	+1	2.6	0.4	-
668	469	-do- 'A'	620 †	...	2.6	0.6	-
565	307	Security Serv	519 †	...	5.0	1.3	-
91	58	Senior Eng	88	...	3.1	4.7	14.7
361	252½	Seton Health	360	...	...	1.0	23.1
72	42	Sheldon Jones▲	43	...	...	...	...
146	83	Sallon	93	...	2.7	3.9	26.2
361	223	Sidlaw	336	...	10.0	3.9	15.7
500	255½	Siebe	469	+4	...	2.6	19.7
283	186	Silentnight	272	-2	6.0	2.9	14.1
121	69	Sime Darby	120	...	...	...	...
304	69	Simon Eng	121	...	11.7	12.3	15.9
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	257	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
53	37	Six Hundred	46	...	...	...	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	151½	-1	4.4	3.9	19.0
566	398½	Smithkline	557	-15½	7.7	2.3	16.2
505	353	Smithkline Us	391	-21	...	3.5	15.6
304	255	Smiths Ind	364	+1	11.2	4.1	14.0
140	76	Sthn Bus	133	...	2.3	3.4	12.6
350	265	Spandex▲	315	+3	...	2.5	16.0
370	230	Spear (JW)	300	...	10.0	4.4	9.3
345	231	Spirax-Sarco	347	+1	4.9	3.5	20.5
181	93	Spring Ram	129	-6	4.0	0.3	17.0
48	21	Star Comp	47 #	...	3.5	1.6	22.0
270	158	Staveley	243	...	8.0	4.5	13.9
147	102	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
14½	6	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	134	-3	9.8	8.8	11.9
379	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	289	-2	...	2.6	21.2
19	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
300	233	Syltone	256	...	9.4	4.9	11.2
191	99	T & N	185	+1	10.5	7.8	35.0
372	251	TI	283	-11	10.2	4.8	17.2
23	10	TLS Range▲	15	...	4.4	...	...
263	167	TT Group	255	+1	...	3.1	16.5
249	173	Takare	245	-1	1.5	0.8	24.3
746	405	Takeda Chem	743	-1	...	0.6	...
44½	14	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (Eliz)	78	...	...	6.9	9.1
174	85	Titon▲	174	...	...	2.7	15.1
271	195	Tomkins	255	+2	...	3.3	16.1
165	34	Trafalgar H	76	-½	3.2	6.1	...
161	36	-do- 'A'	73	...	...	...	...
514½	266	Transfer Tech	417	+2	...	4.2	21.5
175	173	Triplex Lloyd	173	...	7.0	5.6	15.2
253	165	UniChem	237	...	5.0	2.8	17.5
320	250	Unidare	310	...	...	6.6	11.6
24	8½	Unigroup	16½	+1½	...	...	...
1168	566	Unilever	1144	-17	18.9	2.2	17.6
7450	5375	Unilever (NV)	7350	-100	...	2.5	11.8
591	265	VSEL	591	+8	25.0	5.6	6.8
15	2½	Verson	8½	-½	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	130	...	6.0	...	29.4
409	260	Vicaulic	354	...	...	2.8	16.9
331	231	Vinten	331	+1	6.6	2.7	17.8
502	240	Vosper Thorny	490	...	13.1	3.6	11.8
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	431	...	...	5.3	16.7
78	45	Walker Greenbk	73	-1	3.1	5.7	17.4
230	110	Wassall	227	...	...	1.5	27.5
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	27	...	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	660	...	10.5	2.1	19.2
1174	777	Wellcome	900	-24	13.0	1.9	24.9
39	23	Wellman	23½	...	2.2	...	6.8
485	390	Whatman	483	...	9.7	2.4	17.4
339	201	Whessoe	338 †	-17	...	3.2	13.1
34	4	Whewy	7½	-½	1.0	17.8	...
143	15	Whitecroft	38	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	52	...	10.0	...	2.9
379	222	Williams Hldg	347	+3	12.3	4.7	17.6
23½	8½	Wilshaw	22½	-½	0.4	2.4	18.6
595	287	Wolseley	553	+8	12.5	3.0	21.1
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	36	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	46	-2	3.0	8.7	16.9

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1887½	...	...	3.6	...
4175	2250	Am Gen	4056½	...	...	3.7	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	38	+3	4.4	15.4	18.5
168	83	Bradstock	143	...	5.1	4.9	17.2
1160	762	Britannic	1135	-3	29.5	3.5	...
620	389	Com Union	591 †	-14	...	5.6	...
1400	900	Dom & Gen	1400	...	...	1.7	23.1
31	18	FAI	21	-1	...	...	...
612	356	Gen Accident	588	-7	26.7	6.3	...
188	108	GRE	176	...	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	346	+1	16.0	6.2	20.3
188	104	Hogg Gp	179	+3	8.1	6.1	10.9
208	102	JIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
479	287	Legal & Gen	456	+4	18.8	5.5	...
1026	587	Liberty Life	971	-17	...	3.0	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	423 †	-1	17.3	5.5	-
266	160	Lloyd Thomp	266	...	5.6	2.8	19.6
318	203	Londn & Man	309	-2	13.5	5.9	23.8
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	354	...	12.6	4.7	14.1
6743½	3931½	Marsh McLn	6500	...	...	2.9	...
154	93	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	59 †	...	4.0	9.0	-
325	199	Prudential	307	...	11.0	4.8	26.6
895	564	Refuge	889	...	29.0	4.3	39.8
294	118	Royal	280	-9	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	172	-6	6.0	4.7	18.5
321	162	Steel Burrill	236	...	13.2	7.8	14.3
232	33	Sturge Hldgs	61	+1	8.2	18.0	6.2
358	214	Sun Alliance	329	-10	14.2	5.8	...
61	20	Trade Indemnty	56	-1	...	...	...
278	165	Transatlantic	278	+1	...	5.8	19.4
573	305	Utd Friendly	573	+3	12.3	2.9	20.1
274	144	Willis Corroon	175	-7	13.2	10.1	19.6
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1689	1218	Alliance	1666	-14	43.0	3.4	38.5
258	152	Amer Trust	249	-7½	4.8	2.6	52.7
334	229	Ang & O'seas	327	-7	6.8	2.8	-
136½	98½	BZW Conv	133	-1	7.8	7.8	15.6
150	104	Bankers	145	-1½	3.4	3.2	39.9
298	210	Baring Tribne	287	-2	6.4	3.0	-
172	116	Berry Starq	140	...	2.0	1.8	49.3
106½	71½	Br Assets	103	-2	4.1	5.4	25.2
64½	46½	Br Empire Sec	63	...	0.8	1.9	63.9
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
171	123	Br Inv	164	...	4.5	3.7	41.2
166	125	Contl Asset	161	-1	2.4	2.0	-
230	165	Derby Inc	168	...	16.6	13.2	-
235	140	-do- Cap	210	-3	...	...	...
119	65	Drayton Asia	114	...	0.7	0.8	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	69	...	8.4	16.9	7.4
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	55	-1	1.2	2.9	...
104½	61	-do- Far East	103½	-1	0.6	0.8	-
101	56	-do- Korea	100	-1	...	...	...
628	473	Dunedin Inc G	608	-5	25.4	5.6	34.7
569	407	-do- Wrwde	564	-2	9.5	2.2	58.1
278	203	Dundee & Lon	253	...	12.0	6.3	23.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	47	...	4.8	13.8	8.5
54	40½	-do- Dlv Pf	53½	...	...	...	...
274	199	Edinburgh	256	-5	8.0	4.2	31.3
154	107	Electric Gen	151	+1	3.1	2.7	48.1
91	65	English Scot	90	...	...	...	...
242	186	European Asset	241	...	...	3.1	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
290	162	Fleming Amer	281 †	-6	0.1	0.3	-
411	302	-do- Claver	400 †	-3	10.7	3.6	-
251	173	Do Contl	250	...	2.8	1.5	...
162	119	-do- Extp	158 †	-1	4.5	3.8	35.5
252	157	-do- F East	250	-2	1.5	0.8	...
288	198	-do- Fledg	287	...	3.0	1.4	...
116	91	-do- FB Inc	114	...	5.8	6.8	19.4
164	100	-do- Japan	156	-4	0.3	0.3	...
291	197½	-do- Merc	263	-1	6.7	3.4	37.6
242	165½	-do- Oseas	236 †	-4	4.0	2.3	56.3
225	150	Foreign & Col	221	-3	...	2.0	65.3
192	144	-do- Euroot	191	-1	1.2	0.9	...
106	71	-do- German	99	-2	0.4	0.5	...
221	134	-do- Pacific	219	-2	1.7	1.1	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	136	...	...	1.8	69.1
205	121	GT Japan	168	-5	...	0.9	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	91	-2	...	...	...
123½	96	-do- Inc	108 †	-1	9.3	11.6	-
145	63	Govett Am Smlr	136	-7	...	...	...
221	128	-do- Oriental	220	-1	0.9	0.5	...
239	150	-do- Strategy	225	-5	6.7	4.0	31.1
369	265	Greenfriar	366 †	...	6.3	2.3	-
28	...	Gresham House	6	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	52½	...	0.5	1.3	...
132	95	Inv Cap	129	-1	5.1	5.3	25.9
95	67	IBS UK Smllr	89	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
177	128	Kleinwort Chrt	170½	-2½	5.0	3.9	-
301	134½	-do- O'seas	195	-5	3.3	2.3	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	121	...	...	4.1	23.9
580	433	Law Debenture	569	-6	...	4.2	29.9
170	133½	Majedie	168	-1	...	3.8	32.5
246	176	Merchants	238	-2	...	5.9	21.9
4925	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4606½	...	...	...	...
429	296	Monks Inv Tst	422	-7	6.7	2.1	56.8
116	81	Murray Gren Inc	113	-1	...	5.4	22.4
27	13	Do Warrants	26	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	44	...	0.4	1.4	...
11	4½	Do Wts	10	...	...	...	...
315	223	Murray Income	308	-3	...	4.7	29.3
301	215	-do- Intl	299	-2	...	5.1	26.5
296	213	-do- Small	296	-2	4.0	1.8	63.8
109	59	-do- S/C Inc	99 †	...	...	14.3	9.6
35	14	-do- S/C Cap	28	-1	...	...	...
3050	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2950 †	...	...	4.8	...
147	115½	-do- S/C DP	145½	-½	...	...	...
258	189	-do- Vent	255	...	10.3	5.4	30.1
69	44½	New Frontier	67	-½	0.2	0.5	...
103	61	Nthrng Inc	79	...	8.7	11.4	11.1
283	167	O'seas Inv Tst	279	-4	2.8	1.3	79.6
354	173	Pacific Assets	357	+3	1.0	0.4	...
202	80	Do Warrants	201	+3	...	...	...
8200	5700	Personal Assets	8050	...	...	2.7	48.1
118	52	RIT Cap Ptnr	116	-1	1.1	1.3	52.5
122	96	River & Merc	121	-1	9.2	10.3	-
366	233	Robeco	366	...	...	3.4	...
376	256	Rolinco	376	...	...	2.1	...
239	194	St Andrew Tm	238	...	7.5	4.2	-
142	108	Scot American	139½	-2	4.3	4.2	-
840	429	Scot Asian	840	-7	...	...	...
71½	40	-do- Eastern	68½	-2	1.4	2.8	48.4
200	147	Scottish	193	-3	4.8	3.2	40.0
196½	135	-do- Mrge	167	-3	3.9	2.8	44.0
77	48	-do- Value	76½	...	...	3.1	54.5
1493	1066	Second Allnce	1475	-5	36.5	3.3	39.3
87½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	-1	3.2	5.3	27.2
125	78	Selective Asset	122	-1	1.2	1.2	-
20	9½	Sphere Inv	17	-½	...	24.3	4.8
193	76	TR Far East	135 †	-2	4.5	4.4	29.6
137	97½	TR City Of Lon	133	-2	4.7	4.8	27.9
134½	70	TR Pacific	132	-2½	0.3	0.4	-
27	14½	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	59.5
66	19	TR Tech Inv	64	-3½	1.7	3.6	31.7
167	96	TR Smlr Cos	165	-1	3.7	3.0	48.3
310	226	Temple Bar	304	-2	13.2	6.0	-
66	51	Thrgn Asian E	55	...	0.5	0.8	...
66	39	Throgmorton	62	...	2.3	4.9	24.1
410	268	Thrgg Dual Cp	405	-2	...	...	...
190½	137	USDC Invest	190	-½	4.2	3.0	36.4
99	58½	Value Inc Tst	86½	...	...	5.5	22.0
627	493	Whitbread Inv	549	-22	15.0	3.6	36.4
195	139	Witan	191	-3½	5.6	3.8	-

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
332	172	Airtours	277	-1	7.2	3.5	9.6
60	18	A/G Leis	52	...	...	...	14.6
243	145	Anglia TV	211	+1	...	5.0	19.0
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.5	10.2
1196	795	Boosey Hwks	1163	-12	20.0	2.3	18.7
113	70	Border TV▲	99	...	...	3.6	12.9
16½	4	Brent Walker	9½	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	2.1	...	1.2
449	230	Campari	262	...	...	5.6	7.1
226	126	Capital Radio	194	...	5.2	3.6	22.6
816	468	Carlton Comm	755	-2	...	3.0	21.8
223	120	Castle Comms	195	...	...	5.8	22.0
1825	1050	Central TV	1790	-5	30.5	2.3	23.1
95	49	Ch Trails	73	...	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	570 †	+2	12.3	2.9	16.2
350	273	Euro Camp	330	...	9.7	3.9	-
1695	673	Euro Disney	923	-20	...	1.3	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	10.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	226 †	...	10.5	5.1	...
355	259	First Leis	336	...	6.1	2.5	-
490	250	GWR Gp▲	488 †	+30	...	1.9	-
161	91	Grampian	175	...	5.5	4.2	12.5
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
209	30	Hi-Tec Sports	60	+1	5.5	...	3.8
19½	2½	Kunick	5½	...	...	...	...
335	220	LWT CP	333	+1	5.9	2.4	16.2
371	200	Man Utd	372	...	18.0	6.5	12.6
123	44½	Owners Abrd	1½	...	1.5	4.0	-
42	19	The Pelican Gp	4½	+2	...	3.2	14.4
130	50	Prism Leisure▲	114	-11	...	3.2	13.0
61	18	Quadrant Grp	18	-1	4.0	...	2.7
319	274	Radio Clyde▲	314	...	...	3.6	24.6
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	140 †	+3	...	4.3	-
502	202½	Scot TV	501	...	...	2.1	32.3
66	40	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	1.9	22.9
192	125	Stanley Leisure	192	+4	...	2.9	16.2
13	4	Sunleach▲	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
33	27	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.2
44	3½	TVS	39	-2	...	...	3.3
420	136	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	154	Thames TV	177	...	7.5	5.6	5.0
10½	1	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	...
116	75	Tottenhm Hot	90	+1	...	...	4.4
73	38	Trans World▲	64	...	...	...	...
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	21	...	1.8	...	...
16½	4½	Whitegate	15½	...	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	130	...	12.0	12.3	-
136	80	Zenters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2650	+100	...	8.3	12.0
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1300	...	...	7.9	5.6
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1500	...	...	5.1	9.3
14½	7½	Anglo Pac Res▲	13½	+1	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	66	...	...	10.3	3.3
25	11	Bracken	24	...	...	...	1.3
566	208	Buffels	320	-11	...	14.1	6.9
4½	1½	Bute	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	612	-5	...	2.9	-
38	9	Cluff Res	14½	...	1.0	9.2	21.6
1662½	581½	De Beers	1037½	-25	...	...	8.5
125	37½	Deelkraal	61	+6	...	10.9	3.0
46	7	Doornfontein	10½	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	525	+5	...	7.0	8.7
375	120	Durban	195	-7	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	60	-2	...	19.3	1.7
154	62	E Dagga	73	-1	...	...	5.4
168	54	E Rand Prop	147	-3	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	180	-5	...	7.6	-
535	272	FS Cons	490	+22	...	10.9	4.9
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	937	+32	...	4.8	13.3
222	121	Gencor	145	-1	...	6.8	11.3
44½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	41½	-1	...	3.3	10.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	9	-½	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	62	...	...	19.0	-
368	78	Harmony	166	+4	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	130	+10	...	...	4.5
11	5	Inoco▲	10	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	596	-3	...	...	12.1
8	2½	Kenmare Res▲	7	-½	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	440	-20	...	12.8	4.3
624	293	Kloof	470	+5	...	4.2	7.2
60	21½	Leslie	41	+1	...	11.3	3.7
71	12	Loraine	16	...	...	...	...
128	93½	MIM	119½	+1	...	2.0	52.0
955	599	Minorco	890	-10	...	4.2	10.5
111	66	Nth Bkn Hill	103	-1½	...	4.8	-
1201	598	Orange Free	1087½	+25	...	12.8	8.7
688	469	RTZ	656	-7	19.5	4.0	19.8
1287½	375	Rand Mines	550	...	...	11.8	2.3
230	75	Rand Mn Prp	95	...	...	19.6	4.1
334	136	Randfontein	216	+4	...	8.9	2.9
221	106	Renison	140	...	...	3.2	13.6
1312½	812½	Rustenbg	1000	-71½	...	5.2	13.9
410	183	St Helena	304	...	...	8.8	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	750	...	...	8.6	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	48	-1	...	15.3	-
183	43	Unisel	100	+5	...	3.3	8.9
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2675	-12½	...	9.5	-
324	154	Welkom	290	+8	...	12.4	8.1
99½	26	Western Areas	39	-2	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	1062½	+9½	...	6.6	-
225	164	Warm Mining	214	-1	...	...	...
630	255	Winkels	440	-10	...	2.5	3.3
71	16	Zambia Copper	71	...	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	23	+1	...	...	6.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	100	...	7.8	10.4	73.8
225	130	Bletchley Mtr	225	...	8.2	7.3	12.6
145	115	Bostrom	136	+4	6.0	5.9	37.0
379	100	Br Aerospace	243	-7	25.0	...	5.2
378	303	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9½	3	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtr▲	108 †	+2	...	4.9	23.5
48	15½	Cook (DC)▲	21	...	...	...	...
196	99	Cowie (T)	189	...	4.8	3.4	14.3
133	75	Dag Motors	96	...	5.7	8.0	11.3
132	85	Davnprt Vern	132	...	4.0	4.1	-
264	130	ERF	215	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	115	...	...	1.7	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	257	...	11.2	5.8	23.9
283	163	FR Group	262	-1	6.6	3.4	12.5
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3481½	...	...	...	...
2875	1681½	General Mtr	2875	...	...	1.8	...
53	35	Gowrings	46	...	2.0	5.8	...
96	43	Henlys	93	...	3.0	4.3	...
786	465	Honda Motor	756	-18	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	78	...	4.5	7.7	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	108	...	3.3	4.1	10.7
326	175	Lex Service	314	...	10.0	4.2	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	-
153	77	Lucas	146	+3	7.0	6.4	...
258	169	Pendragon	254	...	6.0	3.1	22.7
175	103	Perry Gp	127	+2	9.0	9.4	22.7
133	56	Quicks Group	130	...	3.0	3.1	24.0
176	89	Rolls-Royce	152	+3	7.2	7.3	25.0
160	69	Vardy (Reg)	140	+2	4.0	3.8	21.4
145	93	Westland	143	...	4.2	4.0	12.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	...	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
583	398	Blenheim Gp	580	...	9.0	2.1	21.7
330	248	Bristol	290	-1	11.5	5.3	21.5
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	...	130	2.2	17.3
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7825	-25	130	2.2	17.6
301	193	Dorling Kind	291	-1	...	1.4	27.8
365	224½	EMAP	330	-1	...	3.0	21.5
983	533	Euromoney Pb	978	...	29.5	4.0	22.0
303	125	Harrington K	303	+3	...	3.0	31.2
358	155	Haynes Pub	338	-5	6.0	2.4	14.4
238	140	Headline	238	...	10.0	1.7	36.5
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	6½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	425	-5	...	4.5	15.3
475	298	Johnstne Press	475	...	5.5	1.5	22.4
265	186	Metal Bulletn	265	...	7.4	3.7	21.4
125	89	Mirror Gp	106	-1	...	...	10.1
1441	509½	News Corp	1434	-5	...	0.3	24.1
764	258	News Intl	755	+1	3.9	0.7	13.0
459½	297	Pearson	388	+9	...	4.0	18.2
633	340	Portsmth Sund	630	...	8.6	1.8	16.2
682	427	Reed Int	655	-8	16.0	3.3	21.7
126	61	Southnews	121	+4	...	1.7	35.7
125	29	Sterling Pub▲	125	...	...	2.7	41.0
368	274	Telegraph	344	-2	...	3.9	13.6
815	565	Thomson Corp	765 †	+5½	25.2	4.4	13.0
347	222	Trinity Intl	320	...	...	3.5	18.9
62	29	Unit Groups▲	34	...	...	...	...
543	323	Utd Nwspaprs	524	-4	21.0	5.3	18.0

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Pet▲	13	...	...	...	13.3
24	11½	Aran Energy	23	...	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl▲	43	...	...	...	...
53	22	Ass Oil & Gas	52½	...	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	54	+3	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	11	...	0.6	...	...
196	105	Br Borneo	171	...	7.1	5.5	18.8
295	223	British Gas	289½	+2½	...	6.2	13.4
304	182	Br Petroleum	262 †	-5	...	5.3	32.9
4½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	699	-6	24.0	4.6	16.0
75	21	Cairn Energy	47	...	...	...	...
253	164	Calor Gp	250	...	12.0	6.4	16.4
10	6½	Caspen Oil	7½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	46½	...	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	12	+½	...	...	...
477	297	Enterprise	458	-10	15.7	4.6	32.6
105	25	Exp Co Louis	80	-3	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	20½	...	...	1.0	9.8
69	34	Goal Pet	61	...	1.2	2.7	11.5
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	140	-2	1.0	1.0	43.9
26½	7½	Kelt Energy	23	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	166	+1	8.5	6.8	21.5
163	63	-do- Units	81	...	15.0	24.7	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res▲	17	...	...	...	...
42½	27	Monument	42½	-½	...	...	44.0
18½	5	New London	7½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	25	...	0.7	4.0	6.6
37	25	Oil Search	29	...	...	...	...
14	8	Petroz	13½	...	...	...	...
103	57	Pict Pet	102	...	...	...	14.3
31	10	Premier	27½	-½	...	...	12.3
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	363	...	...	1.4	...
5950	4162½	Royal Dtch Ft	5750	-75	...	5.4	15.6

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	3962½	-59½	...	2.1	...
59	41	Seafield	52	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	576	-14	20.9	4.6	23.2
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sc	202	...	...	...	...
14	5½	Teredo▲	9½	...	...	...	...
52	26	Triton Europe	40	...	...	...	9.0
172	131	Woodside	160	-1	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
261	103	API	261	...	7.5	3.8	22.0
240	123½	Arjo Wiggins	172	-4	9.3	...	13.9
448	365	Abbott Mead	448	...	8.4	2.5	22.5
3	½	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	13	Aegis Gp	15	+½	3.8	...	5.0
212	105	Aspen Comms▲	205	...	...	3.2	28.1
13	7	BBB Design▲	8½	...	...	...	...
319	180	Bemrose	317	...	11.7	4.9	16.2
60	31	Birtaldale	21	...	0.2	1.3	17.5
138	80	Bunzl	134	...	4.0	4.0	31.3
267	147	CIA Gp	264	...	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon▲	48	-1	...	9.4	10.0
316	135	Cropper (James)	171	-2	3.0	2.3	19.5
41	6	Crown Com▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckaging	59	...	1.4	3.1	11.7
140	78	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.3	15.0
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	44 †	...	...	...	11.3
15	9½	Elswick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.3
68	38	Fairway Group▲	46	...	...	9.1	12.2
286	211	Ferguson Intl	275	...	12.5	6.1	15.9
106	25	Filofax▲	105 †	+5	...	0.5	26.2
16	6	Fuch	16	...	...	...	1.8
71	47	Gibbon Lyons▲	70	...	...	0.5	13.7
308	194	Gold Greenless	300 †	...	8.3	3.7	22.2
53	27	Goodhead	37	...	0.5	2.5	...
85	32½	Hunterprint	85	-1	...	...	...
180	138	Interrurope	138	...	7.4	7.4	8.8
196	123	Jarvis Porter	195	...	4.4	3.0	21.5
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
265	133	More O'Ferrall	210	...	13.2	9.4	13.0
71	27	NMC Group	64	...	1.2	...	12.6
86	58	Osborne & Little	71	...	4.3	8.2	9.1
189	132	Quarto	170	...	5.2	5.1	9.4
343	231	St Ives Gp	333	...	5.2	2.1	22.7
245	115	Saatchi	197	-1	...	...	...
754	361	Sappi	462	...	...	6.4	6.7
19½	1½	Serif▲	17	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	25½	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	325	...	9.5	3.9	14.4
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	270	...	...	0.5	9.3
263	171	Sta-Plus	206	+3	7.1	4.6	14.9
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	20½	...	...	1.0	43.7
65	37	VTR▲	43	...	...	10.5	12.3
115	31	WPP	65	-4	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	75	...	5.2	14.7	9.3
221	158	Waddington (J)	210	-2	7.9	5.0	15.9
580	391	Watmough	580	...	10.5	2.4	25.3
4	½	Waverley Cam	½	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westporte	6	...	...	...	...
40	12	Whitney Mcke▲	16	...	...	...	21.5
75	51	Wood (SW)	66 †	+1	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group▲	1½	...	...	...	...
80	28	Allied Lon	56	...	3.5	8.4	46.3
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	59	...	2.0	4.5	21.0
141	64	Avonside	94	...	...	5.2	7.6
2575	1887½	BCE▲	2525	-50	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	463	...	18.0	5.2	16.7
45	23	Bourne End	25	+1	1.0	5.3	...
168	108	Bradford	167	+2	4.4	3.6	15.2
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	219	-1	6.3	3.9	20.2
188	108	Brixton	180	-3	8.1	6.0	13.7
55	44	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	23.5
125	68	Cap & Regnl▲	121	-1	...	1.1	...
203	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	3.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	222	...	18.5	...	15.7
30	9	City Site Ests	21	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	10½	...	...	...	...
883	785	Daejan	878	...	25.0	3.8	13.7
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.8	25.4
12	1	De Morgan	10	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	90	...	5.5	8.1	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	323	...	8.6	3.6	38.3
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	15	...	3.7	...	4.7
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	133	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	33	...	1.0	4.0	23.9
345	188	Frogmore	340	+3	15.0	5.9	17.7
125	51	Grainger	105	...	5.2	6.7	23.5
182	84	Gt Portland	138	...	10.0	9.7	13.7
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	117½	-½	...	4.3	19.7
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	40	...	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	299	...	10.0	4.5	10.5
503	166	-do- 'A'	284	...	10.0	4.7	13.6
150	69	Helical Bar	147	...	4.0	3.6	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
175	35	Herring Baker	87	...	7.0	10.7	...
225	13½	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	472	-9	21.7	6.1	14.3
83	62	Lon Mrch Sec	80	...	3.8	6.3	12.7
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	356	-4	20.0	7.5	14.9
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	100	...	6.7	...	16.4
20	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	24	-2	1.0	5.6	...
5	5	Merrin Ind	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Mountfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	880	...	18.0	2.8	9.0
9	2½	Mowat▲	2 #	...	...	...	...
137	101	Muddlw (A&J)	131	+4	5.9	6.0	17.1
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.8
117	30	Olive H'ldgs	30	-1	9.0	...	4.6
10	3½	Ossory Est	8	+½	0.1	2.5	2.3
103	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
111	54	Prop Security	101 †	-1	3.7	5.0	20.1
122½	14½	Property Trust	36	...	...	...	...
4½	½	Raglan	1	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	13½	+1½	1.5	15.1	2.6
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7 #	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	25	+2	0.6	3.3	-
47	21	Savills	44	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	45	...	1.5	4.4	...
66	39	Shaftesbury	66	...	...	...	...
10	2	Shield	10	+2	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gldsm	24	...	0.5	2.8	...
248	136	Slough Estates	177½	-3½	8.1	6.2	10.1
78	36	Southend Prop	56	-1	4.1	9.6	20.3
20½	2½	Speyhawk	13½	-½	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps▲	19½	...	...	...	...
89	58	Town Centre	88	...	3.1	4.7	17.2
61	35	Trafford Park	55	...	2.5	6.2	14.8
35	7	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	195	...	10.5	7.4	-
245	178	Warnford	180	...	7.2	5.5	12.3
8	1	Waterglade	6½	+½	...	...	...
91	23	Wares	46½	-1	3.7	10.7	11.8
44	17	Wood John D▲	41	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic▲	15	...	...	...	...
101	42	Headlam	101	...	3.4	3.2	40.0
455	265	Lambert	455	...	12.5	3.7	11.8
111	63	Pittard Garnar	95	...	1.5	2.1	12.6
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.4	5.9	6.3
193	88	Stylo	130	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
466	362	Allied Text	463 †	+2	12.6	3.6	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	64	...	4.7	9.9	12.7
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	+1	...	...	11.7
163	138	Br Mohair	163	...	8.5	7.0	12.9
119	30	Celestion	119	...	1.2	1.3	...
41	15	Cluntwells▲	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	330	+4	...	1.6	22.0
374	364	Courtauld Text	369	...	13.0	3.0	26.6
248½	160	Dawson	227	-3	9.0	5.3	22.1
50	17	Drummond	22	-1	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel▲	72	...	...	9.1	1.1
68	24	Foster (John)	32	...	0.5	2.1	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	175	...	3.4	2.6	14.9
73	28	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	269	+1	...	5.5	14.2
410½	209½	Leeds	401	+3	...	2.4	19.4
41	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	108	...	4.9	6.0	12.3
94	53	Parkland 'A'	83	...	2.0	3.2	...
95½	63	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
71	30	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	86	...	5.1	8.0	14.9
51	29	Stirling Gp	49	...	1.6	4.5	20.4
59	31	Stoddard	47	...	2.6	7.4	12.5
312	198	Tomkinsons	308	-1	11.5	5.0	26.6
5½	3	West Trust	3½	-½	...	8.9	...
356	160	Yorklyde	338	...	9.7	3.9	15.8

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	969	-3	33.6	4.6	25.6
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	617½	-4½	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	352	-7	8.0	3.0	75.4
816	531	BAA	767	-4	14.5	2.5	13.5
315	219	Br Airways	276	-3	10.1	4.9	7.4
182	45	Clarkson (H)	78	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	470	-10	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.3
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
200	147	Iohl Steam	160	...	...	6.3	7.7
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	1.9	8.2	18.5
53	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1312½	...	4.5	0.5	-
311	190	Mersey Docks	299	...	6.0	2.7	16.6
210	168	Natl Express	204	...	...	4.7	13.4
280	216	NFC	270	-1	6.5	3.2	20.5
357	170	Ocean Group	263	-5	14.3	7.3	11.9
63	31	Ocean Wilson	48	...	...	7.4	10.7
594	296½	P & O Dfd	540	-4	30.5	7.4	19.3
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	128	-3	...	5.7	...
522	269	Powell Duffryn	521	...	22.6	5.8	20.8
138	96	Seacon▲	128 †	...	...	5.3	-
50	23½	TIP Europe	27½	...	1.4	6.8	6.7
87	24	TNT	36½	+1	...	...	...
745	497½	Tibbet & Britten	730	...	...	2.0	29.2
478	214	Tiphook	335	-9	17.3	6.9	6.7
307	208	TDG	294	...	9.5	4.3	17.6

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
504½	308½	Anglian Water	503	-1	...	...	...
591	336	Northumbrian	573	-2	...	...	...
513	323	North West	491	-5	...	...	...
491	298	Severn Trent	487	+2	...	...	...
498	301	Sthn Water	494	-4	...	...	...
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1270	...	...	...	...
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A facility for cost control

There are some advantages but also perils in contracting out, Jane Bird says

Removing a vast, number-crunching computer from a building by crane, and transporting it down a motorway to a new location at the weekend is a task that few computer managers would relish. But Peter Mabbutt, the information systems director of Varity, the agricultural-machinery-to-engines group, was able to supervise the operation by telephone while sunning himself at home on his patio.

Mr Mabbutt was able to relax because Varity had subcontracted its computer operations, including equipment and staff, to a third-party supplier, Sema. Like many organisations Varity's main aim was to cut costs while increasing resources.

Mr Mabbutt says: "We were running machines with a very heavy load and needed extra capacity, yet we felt we were already spending too much on data-processing." By outsourcing to Sema, Varity has cut its annual computer costs by 20 per cent.

Computer out-sourcing also offers increased flexibility — the ability to pay for additional machine power or programming staff as and when needed. Mr Mabbutt says: "By outsourcing, we thought we could buy 'by-the-yard' and would avoid major capital investment, such as having to spend £500,000 to up-grade to the next level of mainframe."

Out-sourcing also makes it possible to accomplish organisational changes that would be difficult from within. For example, Varity, best known for its Massey Ferguson and Perkins Engines divisions, has become heavily centralised. Like many companies preparing for the 1990s, it wanted to shift to a flatter management structure, and distributed computer processing.

Mr Mabbutt says: "We planned to change our monolithic structure into half a dozen independent operating businesses that would be much more accountable for their own performance." It was no longer appropriate to force the divisions to take the computer services of a central department. Out-sourcing offered a relatively painless way to phase it out.

Out-sourcing also guarantees service levels or at least ensures users can pursue compensation when their computers do not perform. An in-house computer director who fails to deliver can only get the sack, whereas an out-sourcing supplier can be sued. Opponents of out-sourcing often argue that since computing is central to most companies' operations, it is tantamount to putting the key to a business into the hands of outsiders.

The counter-argument is that organisations should concentrate on their core businesses, delegating computer operations, just as they would canteen services or office cleaning.

Computer out-sourcing is rather like buying electricity, Mr Mabbutt says. "As with a power station, nobody need see the computer centre or know where it is." All the operators and telecoms experts that keep the machines running are out of sight to the general user. "In fact, the source of supply is almost transparent — you could just as easily be running your application on someone else's computer and you would not know any different. It is also very secure."

But few out-sourcing contracts run without a hitch. The toughest area to get right is the contract — a matter of crucial importance because it determines how a company's relationship with its out-sourcing supplier will develop over several years. The contract helps avoid all too frequent disappointments.

A recent United Kingdom survey by CMG, another out-sourcing supplier, found that cost-savings were rare and expectations of increased flexibility frequently disappointed.

Mr Mabbutt's advice is to never make any assumptions: "Whatever you take for granted, the other side is likely to assume the opposite." For example, Varity supposed that its former data-processing workforce would continue to be available at all times.

Sema, on the other hand, believed it had agreed that the transferred staff would perform only the tasks they had carried out at Varity. Additional duties would cost extra.

Since computer projects always develop over a period of years, it is essential when drawing up the contract to think in detail about how to finance such developments.

There can also be personnel problems. Staff can be the last to be told about a move to out-sourcing, and they do not appreciate waking up one morning to find they work for a different company.

Above all, companies that out-source should not get rid of all their experts. One or two should be retained, so that all computer expertise is not lost. Such experts will be able to bring operations back in-house if this is ever required. As one computer manager who re-introduced in-house operations recalls: "Out-sourcing is rather like a vasectomy. Extremely difficult and painful to reverse."

TONY WHITE



On track: Peter Mabbutt has cut computer costs by 20 per cent through out-sourcing

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Future office

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Service industries are concerned that some local authorities are bowing to trade union pressure and suspending subcontracting

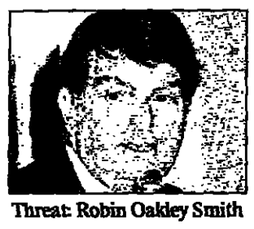
Whitehall to exam the tendering trap

Private sector contractors that tender to provide local authority services — a potential growth area since compulsory competitive tendering was introduced — are becoming concerned that some authorities are faltering in face of trade union pressure.

The issue involves the Transfer of Undertakings regulations which are aimed at protecting the continuation of employment and conditions when an entire public sector business is privatised or transferred to some other operation.

At the Cleaning and Support Services Association (CSSA), the trade body for the large contractors, there is concern that some local authorities "appear" to be willing to apply the regulations to service contracts or even to suspend tendering altogether. John Hall, the association's director general, says: "When one or two services not part of the core business are put out to tender, these regulations, we believe, definitely do not apply."

Robin Oakley Smith, the CSSA chairman, says that trade union claims that the regulations apply to contracts under competitive tender present "a major threat" to competitive tendering and market-testing programmes in the public sector.



Threat: Robin Oakley Smith

He says that if the regulations were to apply, "the process of competition would be virtually meaningless, as every company would be obliged to maintain the same cost base".

He has welcomed departmental views that contracts will not normally be covered by the regulations, but, he says: "It is important that this policy is enforced." The association is monitoring the situation closely and Mr Hall has written to every local authority chief executive warning of referral to the environment department for anti-competitive behaviour if the regulations are wrongly invoked. The department has asked the association to report on any apparent difficulties.

Pulse (the Public and Local Service Efficiency Campaign), the Conservative-aligned pressure group which has long campaigned for competitive tendering in the public sector, is compiling a dossier of local authorities which appear to be offending against the Transfer of Undertakings regulations.

The dossier will soon be given to Whitehall in the wake of an earlier one from Pulse demanding ministerial action against health authorities and hospital trusts that have either suspended competitive tendering or have insisted that the regulations apply to contracts awarded for ancillary services.

About a dozen health authorities and hospital trusts are identified by Pulse. David Saunders, the director of Pulse, says: "Some of them may be genuinely worried about getting it wrong and so have delayed acting. But for others the situation offers a pretext for delay.

"Competitive tendering for services such as cleaning, catering and portering, is currently saving the NHS more than £100 million a year.

"These resources instead can be devoted to patient care. The government's whole policy of competition is now threatened by these authorities which are acting in clear breach of government guidelines."

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Inside story of a fight for survival

Britain enjoys the finest documentaries in the world, but this quality film-making is almost an endangered species, warns **Roger Graef**

Television documentary is rather like the theatre: its demise is constantly predicted. In the ten years since we made the *Police* series for the BBC, television has changed dramatically.

Seduced by the notion of the shortness of viewers' attention span, it has fallen prey to the "three-minute culture" in which everything from death to taxes is dealt with in a narrow variety of magazine formats. It is surprising that documentaries could survive in this environment, especially those that demand audience attention like our so-called "fly-on-the-wall" films that have little narration, no staging and are often shot under poor lighting conditions.

Yet this form of observational film-making is alive and well, as is the documentary itself. In the past month we have seen Molly Dineen's fine series, *The Ark*, about the London zoo. Carlton launched its patronage to documentaries with Mike Grigsby's elegiac portrait of a Vietnamese family. Central offered Chris Curling's *In the Black*, a record of miners who defied the strike but lost their jobs.

This week *Forty Minutes* returns under the adventurous new stewardship of Paul Watson, joining *Fine Cut* and *Inside Story*, offering consistently well-crafted and interesting work. And on Channel 4, *Cutting Edge* and *True Stories* actually boost the channel's ratings with a flow of challenging documentaries. Also starting this week on Channel 4 is my own *Turning the Screws* — a three-part record of a year inside Wandsworth prison.

British viewers may not appreciate that no other country in the world offers anything like such a cornucopia of thoughtful, considered work. Whereas all television stations invest in news, documentaries are concerned with the impact of decisions on people's lives — in contrast to the litany of facts and figures that litter our screens in a form we can seldom digest or remember.

Documentaries about public institutions such as prisons and zoos translate these abstractions into everyday experience: we put outselves in the shoes of the keepers, the prison officers and governors. Our excitement is heightened by the knowledge that, as in life, they do not know what will happen next — nor do the film-makers. These are true-life dramas.

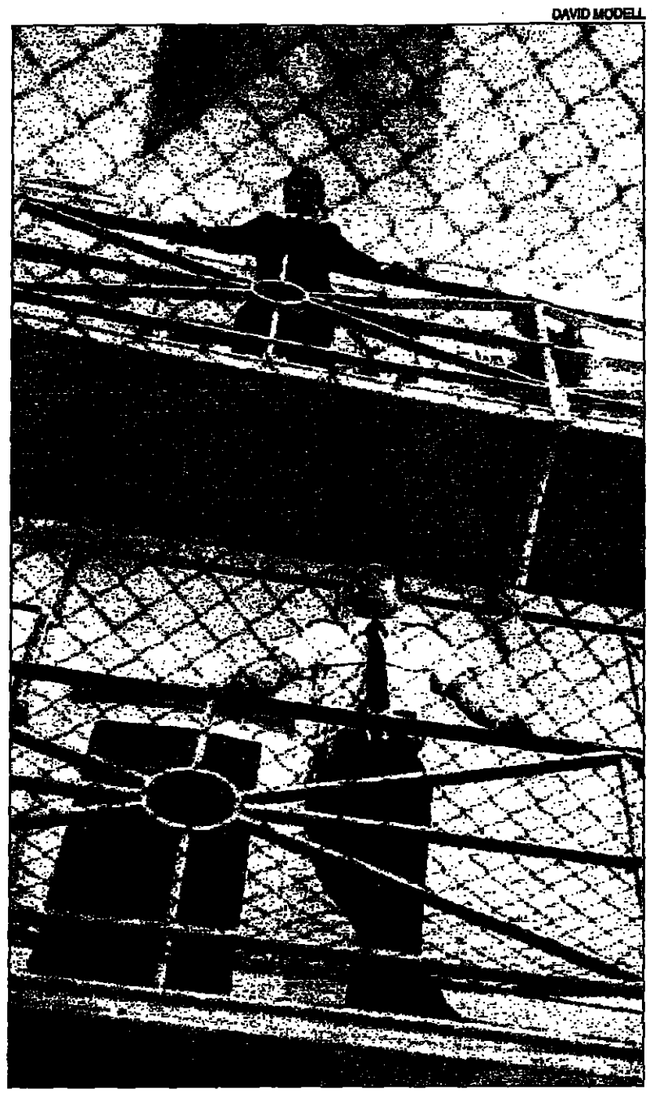
Why do normally closed institutions let film-makers in when the results are not predictable and not always flattering? The case I put to such bodies as the prison service is that the public impression gained only through headlines — usually bad news — is too crude to be accurate. The media shorthand used to describe institutions in crisis leaves out the human dimension which allows the public to identify with their predicament and whatever efforts they make to resolve it. As in life, there are fewer bad guys in our films.

Life has a maddening way of resisting deadlines. *Turning the Screws* began filming last February. Negotiations about plans to improve the regime at Wandsworth were expected to last no more than ten weeks. We finished shooting in December. By August, both our cameramen had left the country. It would have been unthinkable to introduce a stranger into such a tense situation, so I had to shoot the third film myself.

Backing the uncertainties — all the way from research and development to possible legal problems at transmission — needs a support system that can respond flexibly to changing demands. Despite an unprecedented depth of film-making talent in all the key editorial positions in British television, the new management ethos has difficulty with such documentaries. Most accountants and planners like predictability.

Yet the BBC, despite the growing dominance of economic criteria, has overspent some £120 million during the past two years. Clawing back this money from modest documentary budgets means cutting into the marrow. The latest cut of £800,000 equals 13 films for *Forty Minutes*.

DAVID MODELL



Threat: documentaries like Turning the Screws face shrinking budgets

ITV has a different problem. Stewart Prebble, the new Network Head of Factual Programmes, plans to condense all the traditional strands — Central's *Viewpoint*, Yorkshire's *First Tuesday*, and Granada's *Disappearing World* — into one Tuesday ITV documentary, to increase its visibility to viewers.

As drama and entertainment budgets soar but their ratings do not, Mr Prebble hopes the cost-effectiveness of factual programmes will win more support. He defends the lateness of the slot — 10.40pm — as easing the pressure on documentaries to win the huge audiences now demanded at peak time.

Fears are that losing their guaranteed network slots will hamper companies' inclination to take long-term risks and that the editorial haven each has provided for gifted film-makers will wither. This is what is meant by the delicate ecology of television.

As Prebble rightly says about the value of his own former programme, *World in Action*: "Although each producer is experienced, the presence of the others is vital. But their collective experience has the strength of a dandelion. If you blow too hard on it, it falls apart and you can't put it back again."

In today's climate, each of us now making films knows how fortunate we are to be doing so. On the strength of recent output, it is the viewers' good fortune too.

● Turning the Screws *begins tomorrow at 9pm on Channel 4.*

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Privacy laws could be impractical

The BBC's own news reporting guidelines aim to reveal the truth but play fair

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The guidelines recognise that the right to privacy of a public figure may be more circumscribed than that of a private individual. The public should have only the facts that bear upon the ability or suitability of public figures to perform their duties. This does not mean information about, say, scandal is irrelevant, but it does mean that whatever we say must be significant, and of course accurate, not just interesting. There must be clear issues arising from the report — of political survival, for example, or implications for the constitution.

That is not to say groundless rumour cannot itself become the cause of a factual story, publication of which is clearly in the public interest. It was so last month with the prime minister's decision to take legal action over the *New Statesman*'s account of how entirely unsubstantiated rumour about his private life had circulated among journalists.

The BBC took the view that the mere appearance of the rumours in print did not constitute a story which it was in the public interest to know about. But the decision a few hours later by Mr Major to threaten libel action put into the public domain the important question of the balance between intrusion and public interest.

We have also worked through the issues involved in the reporting of disasters. We take great care to ensure that we do not cause unnecessary distress to people by showing overtly intrusive scenes of suffering. But a careful balance has to be struck. There is a need to ensure that we do not over-sanitise the information the public requires. Responsible coverage depends on the sensitivity of camera crews and reporters at the scene, and the judgment of their editors back at base.



On-screen: Tony Hall

The guidelines represent our way of handling the balance between the interests of privacy and the importance of honest enquiry on behalf of the public. We strongly defend the right of the individual to privacy. But, unlike Sir David Calcutt, we do not believe a law would help us weigh the conflict of interest more rigorously than we already do ourselves. In an ideal world the media themselves should balance those conflicting interests, always weighing most heavily on the side of the right to privacy.

Any law on privacy would have to be drafted very carefully to protect reasonable journalistic inquiry. There can be no question that bugging — placing a surveillance device to gather information randomly — is wrong, and we would have no argument against it being made a criminal offence. But there are exceptional circumstances when a surreptitious recording, as opposed to a bug, is justified. In the BBC these have to be agreed by John Wilson, controller of editorial policy, to whom producers must refer.

Viewers may recall the outstanding series *Black and White* where secret recording revealed instance after instance of covert racial discrimination against a black BBC reporter. He also agreed to clandestine filming for an edition of *Panorama* called *Getting Rid of Granny*, which exposed the scandal of how a few old people's homes treated their residents. As a result of this investigation, one home was closed.

These cases passed a series of key tests: the activity was anti-social, reporting on it served an important public purpose and proof of wrongdoing could not be obtained by more open means.

We also fear that a law — however decent in intent and wisely defined — could be exploited by those whom society would not normally seek to protect. The Contempt Act of the early 1980s produced the unintended outcome of a huge increase in the number of court orders restricting publication. Any Bill would have to be complex and detailed to ensure proper journalistic enquiry. It may be that dealing with scurrilous journalism creates a problem for serious, decent journalism.

In broadcasting, our experience is that self-regulation through guidelines works. Everyone has to think through some very difficult matters of journalistic ethics before they deal with complex and sensitive issues. The system of editorial review ensures that all journalists understand and discuss the standards which inform their practice. Finally, it ensures that at every stage there is a second opinion, and a chance to stop, take breath, and think of the implications.

TONY HALL

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Fred Schneider of The B-52s, an oddball American group that is enjoying wide success



Geoff Brown reports from the Berlin Film Festival. Plus a film expressing the tragic plight of Sarajevo

Sorry, no moon: count stars instead

While new film festivals proliferate, and the old faithfuls elbow each other to maintain prestige, the amount of high quality product suitable for festivals shows no signs of keeping pace. Even an event as secure in the calendar as the Berlin Film Festival, now 43 years old, must scour the world hard for material. Economic recession and political chaos in the East have caused film production levels to drop. Within Europe, more and more countries fight for the same limited amount of subsidies. Moritz de Hadeln, Berlin's director, is not the man even to consider defeat, though he did admit to the trade paper *Variety* last week that he did not think they were "discovering the moon" in this year's competition slate.

Yet the festival's opening film, Emir Kusturica's **Arizona Dream**, made a valiant if doomed attempt to reach unexplored territory. In one of many trick shots, an ambulance conveys the dead Jerry Lewis (an Arizona car dealer dressed in pink) right through the galaxy. Johnny Depp, as Lewis's nephew, dreams of a flying fish soaring across Alaska. Faye Dunaway, an over-sexed widow, builds primitive planes that mostly crash.

Kusturica's intended aim in this troubled film was probably to muse on the myth of the American dream. But the Yugoslav director, making his first English language venture, muddies his goal by letting his scenes and fancies run unchecked. He needs a strong producer with the courage just to say no. In France, where *auteur* directors, and indeed Jerry Lewis, are considered gods, the film is drawing enthusiastic crowds. Other countries may find this free-wheeling fantasy contains too much twaddle among the brilliant visual conceits.

The eccentric cast of *Arizona Dream* has its rival in the 11-strong Berlin jury. The mind boggles trying to imagine a film project that would unite Zhang Yimou, the Chinese director of *Raise The Red Lantern*, with performers as varied as Krystyna Janda, Johanna ter Steege, Brock Peters and Susan Strasberg. Yet here they are in Berlin, weighing the merits of a competition schedule where American heavyweights such as *Malcolm X* rub shoulders with offerings from Norway, Romania and Burkina Faso.

Hollywood clout, however, does not necessarily mean artistic riches. **Hoffa**, directed by Danny DeVito, boasts a David Mamet script and a barnstorming show by Jack Nicholson as the pugnacious union leader whose underworld links earned the enmity of Attorney-General Robert Kennedy. Yet, apart from giving a platform for Nicholson's histrionics, there seems little reason for the film to exist. Through a time span hazily stretching from the 1930s to 1975, when Jimmy Hoffa met his mysterious end, we see the actions of a thoroughly unscrupulous, unlovely man who could inspire fierce loyalty in the workforce. But Mamet's disappointing script never takes us inside his head, still less his heart, if he had one. So we gaze unedified at Nicholson's little piggy eyes, thin lips and nasal whine — a star turn marooned.

Far better to gaze at Michelle Pfeiffer in Jonathan Kaplan's **Love Field**, a sweet off-beat tale about a bored Dallas housewife of 1963 with a Jackie Kennedy obsession. Intent on joining Jackie at the President's funeral, she sets off by Greyhound bus, entangling herself with a black man and his timid little daughter. "He did a lot for your people," she keeps saying; one of many beliefs thrown sky-high during this subtle, atmospheric journey of discovery.

But most critics do not come here just to get advance notice of Hollywood's line-up. We want bold new directors, the latest works of festival favourites, not fashions from the Far East. Berlin certainly tries to satisfy. The first few days brought a crowd-pleasing soufflé, tinged with sex and politics, called **Belle Epoque** from Fernando Trueba. In 1931, the year that heralded Spain's republic, a boyish army deserter (Jorge Sanz) bewitches four lovely daughters of a Bohemian artist withdrawn from the world. Nothing of great significance happens, but Trueba's sure control and the gorgeous photography of José Luis Alcaine brings its own rewards.

Samba Traoré, too, was a distinct pleasure: not up to the high standards of Idrissa Ouédraogo's *Yaaba* and *Tilai*, perhaps, yet still marked with the director's precious gifts for creating endearing characters and conveying a story in the simplest images. The title is the name of the hero — a man who revitalises his village with a suitcase of money stolen from a city petrol station. But crime does not pay, and the new life he was making for himself begins to unravel. Less steeped in African lore than its predecessors, *Samba Traoré* carries the faint taint of being made primarily to please Western tastes. In his pursuit of "universal" material, Ouédraogo must be careful not to throw out the baby with the bathwater.

Away from the competition section — a quiet affair so far — Berlin offers its usual diverse delights. A foam recreation of King Kong sits chained on the Zoo Palast cinema roof to mark the film's 60th anniversary: a structure only surpassed by a hideous foam Marlene Dietrich in *Blue Angel* pose, one leg cocked atop another, in a fascinating exhibition about the UFA studios at the German Historical Museum. In the International Forum of Young Cinema, the festival's experimental wing, all kinds of brave enterprises can be found. Belgian film-maker Boris Lehman wins the prize for the longest festival entry with *Babel: Letters To My Friends Who Have Stayed In Belgium*, a six-hour fantasy diary. Leading independents Atom Egoyan and Jon Jost have new films to show; the *cinéma vérité* veteran Jean Rouch offers *Madame L'Eau*, documenting the field trip of three men from the drought-stricken Niger to study Dutch windmills. With Rouch at the helm, it becomes much better than it sounds.

The most piquant Forum offering, though, may be **The Peach Blossom Land**, a wondrously skilled first feature by Stan Lai, a leading force in Taiwanese theatre. His own play provides the material, and almost all its characters are actors. A rehearsal space has been double-booked. One troupe is struggling with *Secret Love*, a lachrymose tale of a long-lost love recalled from a hospital bed; the other is tackling a raucous traditional farce about the limitations of Utopia. After squabbling unprofitably, the two companies rehearse both plays side by side on stage, with predictably intriguing results. There is a deluge of talk here; but this parade of illusions, lovingly created and cunningly destroyed in crisply beautiful images, never becomes just a slab of canned theatre.

Another curiosity, **Barabaniada**, uses no words at all. Sergei Ovtscharov, a puckish Russian director, surveys the chaos of the former Soviet Union through the crazy wanderings of a sad-faced drummer and his "Stradivarius" drum, bequeathed by a corpse at a funeral. Instead of dialogue, there are exaggerated sound effects and a soundtrack accompaniment of popular classics. The film desperately needs an editor's scissors; yet there is enough absurd humour and shafts of satire to win an audience's heart.

If the new films in the Berlin daily schedule fail to appeal, you can always rely on the retrospective. This year the theme is CinemaScope. The curved screen on the Filmpalast is playing host to a tempting assortment of the wide, weird and wonderful, mostly from Hollywood. Press screenings here are generally marked by the sounds of critics doing their duty; but the Filmpalast auditorium throbs with the buzz of normal people expecting pleasure.

Sometimes the delight comes more from the stereophonic soundtracks than the elongated images: time has reduced the colour used in *The Egyptian*, an amusing epic of ancient Egypt, to bilious blues and pinks. Samuel Fuller's delirious *Forty Guns*, shot in black-and-white, has no such problems. Its terse teeming story verges on the incomprehensible; but when the CinemaScope frame is used so dynamically, and Barbara Stanwyck is saluted in song as "a high-ridin' woman with a whip", who cares?



Michelle Pfeiffer, as a Dallas housewife, obsessed with Jackie Kennedy, talks to a timid Stephanie McFadden in Jonathan Kaplan's sweet, off-beat *Love Field*

> 'Critics do not come here just to get advance notice of Hollywood's line-up'

Berlin was shocked by a powerful film portrait of the city of Sarajevo under siege

Of all the scenes of carnage in **Un Jour dans la mort de Sarajevo**, Bernhard-Henri Levy's film about the destruction of Sarajevo, it is the simple footage of a woman's journey home that best illustrates the awful reality of the war. What was once a pleasant amble through Sarajevo's winding Turkish streets is now, every time she ventures out, a gamble with death or injury. The camera follows her back on the hazardous journey from her job as a curator in the art museum — its treasures now moved underground to escape the bombardment — to her flat.

When she is in sight of her apartment block, just ten yards from the door, fighting erupts again and she must wait until it fades before she can run across. Once inside she must walk up a back staircase, across the block's attic because the corridor, too, is exposed to fire. A neighbour is waiting for her, frightened and tearful because of the fighting, whom she tries to comfort.

This is the success of *Un Jour dans la mort de Sarajevo*. While daily news footage on the world's television networks chronicles the diplomatic dance played out around the Bosnian war and maps out the military campaigns, the human cost has often been neglected. Levy and his co-director, Alain Ferrari, have focused on the people.

The film shows how everyone is a victim. Levy travels to the frontlines where poorly armed teenagers, middle-aged businessmen and ex-Yugoslav army officers are dug in on hills and in basements. He visits the shell-battered hospital where a trail of victims is daily rushed in. The destruction of daily life and the minutiae of the bloodshed are carefully chronicled in the city where Bosnian Serbs, Croats, Muslims and Jews once lived together in harmony. Levy, who made three trips to Sarajevo, is careful to interview Sarajevans of all four faiths.

News footage is cut in with the film's original footage, giving the film a raw, uncut feel that only adds to its emotive power. But for all its powerful, emotiveness Levy's work is ultimately flawed. Horror is heaped on horror and the audience in Berlin was shocked into silence after its screening there.

Levy can outrage but he makes no attempt to explain why Sarajevo is under siege, or to examine the motives of the besiegers. Sarajevo's destruction is presented as an isolated snapshot, an act of seemingly inexplicable violence. But this siege, like every other, is one scene in a panorama of destruction across Bosnia. It, too, has roots and causes that stretch back centuries.

Tens of thousands of Serbs remain in the Serb-controlled suburb of Ilidza, fighting against their one-time neighbours. Ilidza is just a couple of miles away but Levy does not go there to talk to the besiegers. Instead they are presented as faceless monsters, killers of newborn children, and the film's soundtrack is continually marred by his heavy editorialising.

Levy admits that his film, already shown on French television, is one-sided. "This is an emergency film and it was necessary to make and finish it very quickly," he said at a press conference after the screening. Levy hopes the film will trigger action by the West. But it is only when the West understands why the city is under siege, and why war rages across Bosnia, that it can properly respond.

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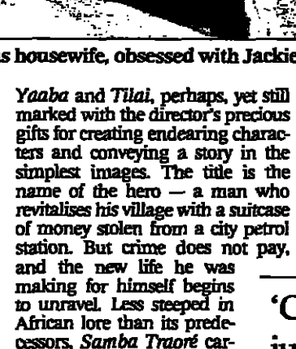
TWO of Britain's finest sculptors, Dame Elisabeth Frink and Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, are involved in a project being launched tonight to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Frink and Paolozzi have each created a new limited edition sculpture, and tonight the signed "number one" pieces will be auctioned at the Royal College of Art. The other 349 casts of each sculpture will then be sold at £5,992 each — with just over half the proceeds going to the hospital. Frink and Paolozzi have chosen the theme of childhood for their pieces. Frink reflecting on her own childhood "surrounded by dogs", and Paolozzi on the "mother and child" image.

● LOOK for a more unorthodox, less mainstream Young Vic. Under David Thacker, who is leaving to join the RSC, the theatre became known for fine revivals of classic work: Vanessa Redgrave in *Timon of Athens*, Natasha Richardson in *Anna Christie*. But under Julia Bardsley and Tim Supple, whose appointment as joint artistic directors was announced last week, it may try more fully to reflect the youthful constituency for which it was originally created.

Bardsley, currently one of the artistic directors at Leicester Haymarket, and Supple, whose credits include the Branagh *Coriolanus*, describe their vision for the Young Vic as "unashamedly idealistic". Bardsley calls it "the Alternative Recession Aesthetic — instead of risk, experimentation and exploration being dangerous and dirty words, they will provide the very foundation and focus of the theatre's policy."

Some Scots rise

THE Scottish Arts Council is to distribute £20.4 million in grants in the financial year 1993-94, an increase of 2.1 per cent. The literature category sees the largest increase in its grant, a rise of 9.8 per cent to £900,000. The Royal Scottish National Orchestra has had its grant frozen at £1.82 million; the Edinburgh International Festival receives a 5 per cent rise to £684,500, the Fringe 1.9 per cent to £23,562.



Dame Elisabeth Frink has a new limited edition sculpture

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TELEVISION REVIEW: **Matthew d'Ancona**

Patient bankers make net gains

Television documentary is going through an oddly aggressive patch at the moment. All roads seem to lead to "recession-torn Britain" and its disasters with a monotony that is becoming counter-productive. Protest television is a powerful and important genre, but predictability is its worst enemy.

The new series of **40 Minutes** (BBC 2) bucked the trend last night with Ted Clisby's gentle and searching film, *Sanctuary*, on a group of fishermen exploring their passion for the sport and their affection for a stretch of the River Avon. The achingly slow pace was a calculated risk, but came off.

Like George Bowling in Orwell's *Coming Up for Air*, these men — or "rods" — found a unique solace in fishing, an escape from the drudgery of over- (and under-) employment. Much of their mythology was contrived. Ray, the flash businessman weighed down by high-tech angling equipment, claimed optimistically that he was re-discovering his roots as a hunter-gatherer. Myth can be a personal thing.

All the talk of primordial instinct disguised the fact that this was homage to a lost world rather than an outlet for repressed blood-lust. The rituals — the catch, the weighin, the tall stories — seemed more important than the prospect of a 12lb salmon in the freezer.

In this spirit, most of the fish were released into the water again. The wiser anglers knew their prey was lurking beyond the boundary cord, "their sanctuary from us", but would eventually make an error and glide into the trap. This game of chess with Nature was quite different from the tally-ho of the foxhunt.

"Recession-torn Britain" did rear its head, but in a subtle way. The river might act as a temporary leveller, uniting the men in a single pursuit, but they inevitably brought the baggage of their lives with them along with their bait and tackle. Dick, the unemployed builder, and his friend waxed philosophical on their misfortune and position on the planet and bemoaned the training schemes suggested to them. "Perhaps we can retrain as bankers," one muttered.

Ray, the entrepreneur and aspiring "country sportsman", saw things rather differently. He moaned about the money spent on social workers and grumbled into his carphone about his cash-strapped clients. "The fact that the world and his wife is having trouble with the bank at the moment has very little to do with me," he said, departing momentarily from the fraternal spirit of the riverbank. The Compleat Angler, of course, is never compleatly classless.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

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Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm.

ROBERT RYMAN: "White painting is my medium" says Ryman, and so it has been since his beginnings in New York in the Fifties. This retrospective of 75 works from the last 40 years reveals the extraordinary variety of texture, feeling and materials he has been able to introduce into a bit of basic white, sometimes broken by inscription in black or greys.
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LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Ute Lemper, one of the finest interpreters of Weill, makes a rare London appearance with the LSO to sing a programme including extracts from *Marie Galante*, *Lady in the Dark* and *Happy End*. The LSO is also joined by contralto Birgit Remmert, the ladies of the LSO Chorus and the Southend Boys Choir. The programme ends with Mahler's Third Symphony. Kent Nagano conducts. (The concert is repeated tomorrow.)
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

MURDER IS EASY: Nigel Davenport and Peter Capaldi in the first Agatha Christie adaptation for a decade. Death stalks a cosy English village; an amateur sleuth follows the clues.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens Feb 23, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: The leading period-instrument orchestra performs an all-Handel programme under the direction of Alison Bury.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

COVENTRY: Cheek by Jowl set off on a 12-venue tour with Alfred de Musset's alarming love-story *Don't Fool with Love*, plus the British premiere of Ghelderode's *Three Blind Men*.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

BROMSGROVE: The talented young pianist Joanna MacGregor performs a wide-ranging recital of works by James MacMillan, Legeti, Django Bates, Rzewski, Monk, Garner. She ends the programme in tribute to the late Olivier Messiaen with a performance of three of *The Vingt Regards*.
Spadesbourne Hall, Burcot Lane (0527 74136), 8pm.

MANCHESTER: A strong cast led by Philip Madoc, Tom Mannion, Michael Mueller, Lorraine Ashbourne in a new adaptation of Dostoevsky's mighty *The Brothers Karamazov*
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, until February 27.

OXFORD: To mark the bicentenary year of Carlo Goldoni's death the Oxford Stage Company dramatises his comedy of mistaken identity, *The Venetian Twins*.
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (Feb 20, 27), 2.30pm, until February 27

SHEFFIELD: The Sheffield Music Festival continues with a programme of traditional folk music from around the world performed by a group of five playing harmonica, Northumbrian pipes, fiddles and accordion.
Crucible Theatre Studio, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), 7.45pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: English National Ballet has been without a production of *Swan Lake* since deciding to drop Natalia Makarova's rather idiosyncratic version several years ago. Now the company turns to former Bolshoi ballerina Raissa Struchkova to mount a new production, which will use sets and costumes from the 1982 *Swan Lake* designed by Carl Toms.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road (0703 229771). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, until February 27

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◧ Some seats available
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◧ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins

☐ **LE CIRQUE INVISIBLE:** Victoria Chaplin and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers in an exotic, engaging new family show.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm 120mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache, exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

☐ **ENNIO MARCHETTO:** The master of quick-change origami cabaret, with impressions from Mona Lisa to Madonna and everyone in between.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, mat Thurs, 4pm. 120mins

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm, mat tomorrow, 12.30pm. 270mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins

◧ **KING BABY:** The miseries of alcoholism and how only religion can help, says author James Robson. Earnest stuff.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

◧ **KING LEAR:** Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

◧ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

◧ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

☐ **MISERY:** Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **MR CINDERS:** Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mins.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND:** Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

◧ **THE PRISONERS OF WAR:** Lively production of J.R. Ackerley's coded but clear drama about British officers tormented by love for one another. Astonishingly licensed by the Lord Chamberlain in 1925.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 115mins

■ **RICHARD III:** Ciaran Hinds in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins. Final week.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◧ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◧ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◧ **It Runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◧ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◧ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◧ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◧ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

JIT: Lively romantic fantasy from Zimbabwe, with a polished amateur cast and vibrant pop music. Writer-director, Michael Raeburn.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THE LIVING END (18): HIV-positive road movie from American independent Gregg Araki. Insolent and powerful. With Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Everyman** (071-435 1525)

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home, but is it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent homage to German Expressionist cinema. With Mia Farrow, John Malkovich, and, very briefly, Madonna.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **STAY TUNED** (PG): Couch potato makes Faustian bargain and gets sucked into a TV hell. Juvenile satire with stray chuckles. Stars John Ritter, Pam Dawber, Jeffrey Jones. Director, Peter Hyams.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. Stars Dan Aykroyd, Geraldine Chaplin, Anthony Hopkins.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

◆ **DAMAGE** (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID** (U): Amiable, inoffensive *I Shrunk the Kids* sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE PUBLIC EYE (15): Life, times and longings of a tabloid photographer in the Forties (Joe Pesci). Annoyingly artificial. With Barbara Hershey; writer-director, Howard Franklin.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SHERLOCK JUNIOR (U): Projectionist Buster Keaton dreams himself into the film being screened. Gloriously inventive silent comedy (1924), revived in a sepia print.
Barbican (071-638 8891).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THEATRE: Orton revived; colonialism denounced; Russia's dark side revisited

Snakes alive, he is still shocking

Entertaining Mr Sloane
Greenwich

THE process is familiar enough. When Joe Orton's *Entertaining Mr Sloane* appeared in 1964, it met with resistance from the usual quarters. *The Daily Telegraph*'s critic felt "as if snakes had been writhing round my feet", and, when he re-reviewed the play, his headline read "3 Repulsive Folk Well Acted". Peter Cadbury, chairman of Keith Prowse, made it the focus of a campaign against drama that "reflects the lowest forms of human life". And yet here *Sloane* is in 1993, as admired a piece as 1960s iconoclasm produced.

It was not the wittiest nor the most flamboyantly original of Orton's attacks on his pet hate, English hypocrisy. Those honours respectively belonged to *Loot* and *What the Butler Saw*. But *Sloane* was the most slyly subversive and, since it was the most realistic or (rather) least unrealistic of his full-length plays, perhaps also the most damaging. Imagine a spoof G.A. Henty and a parody Enid Blyton collaborating on the kind of steamy story that back in 1964 still had to be smuggled in from Paris; and you will have some sense of how Orton indulged his pet pastime, which was upsetting the bourgeoisie.

Thirty years and a thousand offensive plays on stage and television have subdued the adders that circled the *Telegraph*'s ankles. But Jeremy Sams's crisp, brisk revival suggests that they have not altogether lost their nip. After all, what happens? Middle-aged Kath brings home a brattish psychopath, Sloane, and seduces him. Her brother Ed then draws the "boy", as he cloyingly calls him, into his emotional net.

When Sloane kicks to death their father, who witnessed an earlier murder he committed, the siblings blackmail him into becoming their slave. "Well, it has been a pleasant morning," breezily concludes Ed, having organised the sexual time-sharing to everyone's satisfaction.

But fake gentility camouflages everything, like lace curtains over brothel windows. Janet Dale's Kath veers from the arch to the twee, ladling out sentimental clichés and giggling come-ons like artificial cream: "I'm in the rude [sic] under this dress, I only tell you because you're bound to have noticed." Meanwhile, Ian Gelder's Ed talks up manly camaraderie, muscle-building and the Scout movement from inside his sheepskin jacket. For Ben Daniels's Sloane it is as if Baden-Powell was in cahoots with Little Grey Rabbit; faced with so English an attack, what chance does he have?

Orton, who wanted everything in the play to be almost ostentatiously ordinary, might have had the odd question to ask about Sams's production. Should Mark Bailey's set — peeling wallpaper plastered with monster roses symbolically looming over the everyday tat of a suburban lounge — so obviously combine the banal with the menacing? Shouldn't Daniels's spoiled-Aryan Sloane be younger, sexier, with more of the "combination of innocence and amorality" Orton wanted? But he could have had no complaints about Dale's over-age girlishness or Gelder's *Boy's Own* swagger or, for that matter, the growls and scowls of Christopher Hancock, playing their father. This is the character who represents conventional decency. And Orton being Orton, that means racism, homophobia, prurience, vindictiveness, and meanness of spirit. Well, what else?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Sloane (Ben Daniels) arranged on the sofa with Kath (Janet Dale)

Anger not justified by evidence

Leonora's Dance
Cockpit, Marylebone

THE Black Theatre Cooperative's latest offering comes with a programme note denouncing the "colonial" attitudes of European psychiatrists. Indeed, it compares them with doctors of the slavery era, who apparently coined the term "drapetomania", meaning an irresistible urge to run away. "Research for the show stated that black people were ten times more likely to end up in mental institutions than any other race," writes Zindika, as the author of *Leonora's Dance* calls herself, "and the main reason for that was racism."

A pity these provocative conclusions fail to find their way into the play itself. No doctors, no shrinks are on view; and it is hard to be sure that the agoraphobic woman at the evening's centre is quite the victim of racism she believes. Illegitimate daughter of a poor black mother and a rich white father, Leonora (Judy Hepburn) came to England from Jamaica convinced that "dancing was my life", failed to get into the Royal Ballet, and now spends her days morosely talking to the houseplants, having concluded that "being one per cent black can ruin your life". Her disappointment is sad — but have not a zillion white dancers been similarly afflicted?

Nor are either of her tenants obviously the victims of racism. Melissa (Toshie Ogura) is Chinese and desperate to escape the forced marriage her father wants. Daphine (Doreene Blackstock) is a sprightly but illiterate single parent, separated from her child. The play becomes a study of the pains and confusions of all three, and a somewhat scattered one, made no sharper or clearer by the presence of a spirit called Medusa (Glenna Forster-Jones). She dances about in ritual African make up, looking mischievous and malignant but contributing little of substance.

Nor is the final arrival, Leonora's estranged Mum, a particularly plausible addition. Freida (Ellen Thomas) is a herbalist and healer, coming with her white robe and shamanic chants to rid the house of evil and take her daughter home. She ends up making Daphine her surrogate, explaining that "England needs Mother Freida and you've been chosen."

Why this should be is not evident: but then by this time Zindika's play is stuttering verbally and emotionally, and the best efforts of Joan-Ann Maynard's performers cannot rescue it. Still, I look forward to seeing several of them again, especially Toshie Ogura, a forlorn, battling figure who holds the attention throughout.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Medusa (Glenna Forster-Jones) with Freida (Ellen Thomas)

A round and a bout on suburban train-lines

Moscow Stations
Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh

DISORIENTATED Dante took a dark wood as his starting point for a journey through hell, purgatory and paradise. The Russian writer Venedikt Yerofeev uses a suburban rail journey for a metaphysical progress in his novel *Moskva-Petushki*: a modern equivalent easily comprehensible to British Rail commuters (and just wait until privatisation). Though the book dates from the Brezhnev era, when it was circulated secretly, it strikes sympathetic chords with a British audience today, acknowledging, as the Traverse programme points out, "a sick economy, a demoralised people and a complex underclass of the disaffected".

The first person narrator, however, embodies the Russian characteristics of irony, self-deprecating humour and spiritual curiosity, not noticeable among the British today, whether over or underclass.

After a Radio 3 production last July, this dramatisation by Stephen Mulrine reaches the theatre which commissioned it. A drunkard's dream of life and death, ending with the account of his own murder through an arbitrary act of violence in a deserted urban night world, is played out on a projected platform whose distorted perspective recedes into the distance. Apart from the recorded station announcer, and the offstage voices of angels who offer occasional comfort ("it will be opening time in half an hour") and the final mockery, the narrator holds the stage.

The ramblings of a cultured alcoholic are framed by a journey, a never-completed trip to the idealised Petushki with its eternally blooming jasmine and expectant golden-haired siren. Both exterior and internal landscapes verge on the surreal. Fantasy and factual anecdotes fill out a picture of a Russia culturally cohesive despite — or probably because of — the repressive stagnation of the time. Stories about Mussorgsky lying drunk in a ditch rather than completing his opera *Khovanshchina* give way to an account of the ticket inspector who exacts a measure of vodka per kilometre from fare-dodgers on his train: though our narrator fobs him off for three years, Scheherazade-like, with the history of the world in cliff-hanging episodes of sexual titillation.

Venedikt ironically recalls "life at the top" — a job consisting of playing cards, drinking, laying a cable: the next day playing cards, drinking and taking the cable up again. He digresses into recipes for home-made liquor, a national hobby. The show is a wry, rueful Slavonic shrug, a chuckle at its own despair.

Underpinning the satire is a painfully recognisable human individual, thanks to the magnificent Tom Courtenay. This actor never plays for mere lovableness: his air of vulnerability is always shot through with slyness, a blend of little boy lost and intellectual ferret.

For 90 minutes, less interval, he rings unflagging variations on the theme of fogged intelligence, murkily perceived ideals. Ian Brown directs Mulrine's excellent adaptation with its combination of hilarity and pain, and its presage — with the narrator stabbed in the throat — of the author's death from throat cancer in 1990.

MARTIN HOYLE

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Master of the exotic mixture

John Russell Taylor on the fascinating paintings of Ricardo Cinalli, now the subject of a major retrospective

The paintings of Ricardo Cinalli seem deeply imbued with the unbearable lightness of being. They are large and crowded, with the psychological and emotional weight of a Renaissance mural; at the same time they appear to float free in the air, as though they were as light as a feather.

In fact, those in his major travelling retrospective, which starts in London at the Accademia Italiana, then goes on to Argentina, Sweden and Russia, weigh extraordinarily little, being made on up to ten large sheets of tissue paper fused together. It is a technique which Cinalli has invented himself: working in pastel, he overlays image with image to produce a finely intricate effect, almost three-dimensional, as the ghosts of buried images gleam fitfully through the translucent surface. Even the smaller works at Long and Ryle have this paradoxical combination of substance and insubstantiality: they are mostly variations on a theme, an enclosed, subaqueous box of a room where strange things, angelic and otherwise, happen, and they are painted in tempera on corrugated board.

Cinalli is as difficult to classify in his style as in his techniques. The obvious first affiliation would be with a certain kind of post-modernist neo-classicism. Many of the "Premonitions" at the Accademia Italiana carry mythological references, or at least overtones, being peopled with centaurs and titanic figures, sometimes evidently living and breathing, sometimes possibly fragments of monumental sculpture (but only possibly, for the detached body-parts in Cinalli's "human landscapes" often look disturbingly lifelike). The references of the "Dreams" at Long and Ryle are different, but still to art of the past, this time to baroque painting, where the angelic visitations and aerial couplings might pass without comment.

And yet, as Dali once remarked, "the one thing we cannot help being, however hard we try, is a modern artist". The fact that Cinalli, whatever his references, is working at the end of the 20th century is clearly a factor in what he does. So also, presumably, is his mixed background.

An Argentinian of Italian/Catalan ancestry, he was born 45 years ago and has lived and worked for the last 20 in England. He has been a leading figure in the recent revival of mural painting in this country, working most notably at the resurrected Alexandra Palace, and an installation of a giant upside-down head on plaster reflected in a pool of black glass at the Accademia testifies to his interest in the illusionist and *trompe l'oeil* aspects of the mural.

But all the varied elements in his artistic formation seem to contribute something. The Italian, obviously enough, especially in the smaller baroque works, but also in a general devotion to the fruits of 18th-century Italian archaeology. The Argentine, or more vaguely South American, influence is less obvious at first. But much in Cinalli's flamboyant, darkling view of existence and the proper material of art clearly relates to that of the Latin American writers known as Magic Realists, as well as to the powerful and explicitly Latin strain of surrealism which seems to be part of every contemporary South American artist's heritage.

> 'Diverse influences are combined into something rich, strange and wholly personal'

The result is something rich, strange and wholly personal. The mythological excursions are far indeed from the camp fancies of some of the Pittura Colta painters in Italy, who appear content to mimic the most debilitated forms of late 18th-century neo-classicism without adding anything of their own.

The tissue-paper works seem to have as much to do with a disturbing vision of the future as with consoling nostalgia for an untroubled past. These centaurs bite, these titanic feet trample, these decollated heads seem to cry out in agony. And what, exactly, is it that the naked troglodytes in *Earth: Healing* have come across, glowing mysteriously at the centre of the cave? Perhaps it represents healing powers, but it gives the impression as much of something sinister, perhaps radioactive, which can be used for good or ill, and either way tends to slip out of human control.

Very frequently, indeed, these worrying pictures seem to be about loss of control, or order only just, very precariously, achieved. In Cinalli's work, building the present on the ruins of the past sometimes resembles building on the blood-soaked foundations of a concentration camp.

In this light the "Dreams" in a blue room may well be somehow about confinement, as a friend of mine observed on first seeing them. It had not occurred to me to see them that way: there is too much sheer playfulness in the meeting and mixing of these angelic presences, even when they have not hung up their wings for the duration.

But again, the loves of the angels are only one of the things that happen in that room. There are also profoundly uncomfortable pictures of body parts in wooden cages, or of naked feet suspended in such a way as to suggest a connection with the Crucifixion. Cinalli is at present working on for a south London church. These images may to a certain extent be distanced by their habit of reference to a remote and largely imaginary past, but even in these seemingly protected spaces there is precious little for our comfort.

The monumental heads, black and white, which are assembled into a large wall-piece entitled *Encuentros* may seem to gaze out confidently, but even physical beauty is not invulnerable. The individual images are torn and sometimes inverted, as though the meetings of the races today, like the meetings of man and God in some heroic past, are fraught with danger, to be accomplished only by some supreme effort of the creative will, which alone can bring the warring elements into hard-won harmony.

● Ricardo Cinalli: Premonitions. *Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474) Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm (Wednesday to 8pm), Sunday 2-5.30pm, until March 14. Admission £3.00, concessions £1.50.*

● Ricardo Cinalli: Dreams. *Long and Ryle, 4 John Islip Street, SW1 (071-834 1434). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sunday 2-6pm.*



Monday, one of Ricardo Cinalli's series of "Dream" paintings on show at the Long and Ryle gallery in London: Cinalli's work transcends its many, obvious influences and is as difficult to classify in its style as in its techniques

RADIO

Verse means worse

Poets hogged the radio last weekend — but they all produced more rhyme than reason. The Sunday Play on Radio 3 was Anna's Story by the poet George MacBeth, who wrote it just before he died a year ago. It was based on a novel of his that told the story of a Swedish woman, Anna Charlier, and of her fiancé Nils Strindberg (nephew of the playwright), who died on a balloon expedition to the North Pole in 1897.

MacBeth liked women and was good at describing them. Here the 18-year-old Anna was admirably portrayed, her delightful wit and energy almost concealing her vulnerability — and the young actress Rachel Joyce played the part with great naturalness and ease. All was well until Nils, her tutor before he became her lover, went off as a photographer in the balloon.

Of course, he and his companions soon crashed: they spent ten months on the ice, then died. Anna had to wait ten years before Nils's grave — and a cache of letters he had written to her — were found. The rest of the play counterpointed Nils's ten months of suffering in the frozen wastes with the ten years of dissipation and degradation that the sexy, lonely Anna fell into. Each painful episode in his life was "rhymed", as it were, with one in hers, the same words often echoing across the time and space between them.

It was very ingenious — and totally undramatic. Every event just became a counter in a lifeless poetic game. Nor was any drama added by the statutory episodes of emotional gasping now heard in all radio plays, augmented in this one by much noisy shivering in the Swedish frost and a good deal of seasick retching.

Erik Ohis, another Swede, is a kind of radio poet. His short play **The Quill** (Radio 3, Saturday) won the 1991 Prix Italia for Drama — which shows how introverted and backward-looking such radio prizes are. This was not just a symbolic fairy story, but one symbolic fairy story inside another.

Isabella, the baron's daughter, tells the other children in her family a kind of Bluebeard story, and then it all happens to her. It meandered its way along with bits of narrative (some in tinkling verse that soon petered out), bits of drama, tedious sound-effects — in fact, the kind of clever hodge-podge, dense with symbolic meaning and not a thrill in sight, that gave radio features a bad name in this country 30 or more years ago.

Dylan Thomas (Radio 3, Sunday) came out the best of the poets. Peter Porter had dug up a 1950 recording from the Sound Archives in which Thomas read two of his last poems: "Over St John's Hill" in praise of dying birds, and "In the White Giant's Thigh" in praise of dead women.

Thomas had a majestic, vibrant voice that even Laurence Olivier would have paid something for, and could convince you of anything while he was speaking. You would have thought these poems were desperately tragic elegies with amazing paeans of joy bursting through them. In fact, on the page, you can see that they are just good descriptive poems. (a heron "ankles" its way through the water, "firefly hairpins" fly as girls make love), buoyed up by grandiose clichés. But when he read them in that voice, you believed.

DERWENT MAY

ROCK: Reviews of Americans in London, from the oddball to the 'new Nirvana', by way of some good old-fashioned songwriting

Strangely familiar



Good-humoured American escapism: Fred Schneider and Kate Pierson of the B-52s

The **B-52s** have made some slender ideas stretch a very long way. It is true that in recent years they have broadened the scope of their lyrics to reflect an interest in the usual pop star causes (environmentalism, Aids awareness, animal rights), while the worldwide success of their multi-million selling album *Cosmic Thing*, released in 1989, has elevated them to unforseen heights of popularity. But, as this show at the Brixton Academy made clear, the band remains essentially the same, faintly zany cult phenomenon which began life in 1976 in Athens, Georgia as a colourful celebration of B-movie Americana for the instant-coffee generation.

There have been personnel changes over the years, most recently the departure of founder member Cindy Wilson in 1991. She has been replaced on the current tour by Julee Cruise, best known as the breathy chanteuse on the *Twin Peaks* soundtrack, but clearly much more in her element tackling the brashier, trashier call and response themes of the B-52s.

With her bottle-blonde bouffant cascading upwards and downwards simultaneously, and dressed in a glittering, electric blue hot-pants ensemble with see-through panels, Cruise almost made her opposite number, the dark-haired looker of the group, Kate Pierson, appear demure. Like a couple of aging sorority belles, they performed their shrill harmonies and old-fashioned party steps as if they had stepped straight out of a 1950s beach movie.

Between the two of them presided the slim figure of singer Fred Schneider, garlanded with gold chains, and looking more than ever like a parody of an American hairdresser. Guitarist Keith Strickland maintained a more discreet presence among the various backing musicians (drums, percussion, keyboards, bass), occasionally stepping forward to crank out his twanging, James-Bond-on-a-surfboard parts with unfussy efficiency.

As good-humoured escapism tempered with a streak of untaxing idealism the show worked well enough. They imported some vaguely eastern-sounding drones and Hare Krishna rhythms to "Dreamland", but more typical were the straight-ahead dance grooves (and tacky innuendo) of numbers such as "Good Stuff", "Hot Pants Explosion" and "Love Shack".

The formula tended to sag as the show went on, and several gaping cracks were revealed in the vocal performances. But a selection of old, wacky favourites including "Planet Claire" and a final encore of "Rock Lobster" confirmed the essence of the group's curiously timeless appeal: slightly bizarre, wholly American and ultimately meaningless.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Two talents but only one a star

Both **Mary-Chapin Carpenter** and **Lucinda Williams** write most of the songs they sing and front their own touring bands. While their music cannot be neatly categorised, in both cases it is related to country and rock: the songs have a cohesion and structure that is in many ways old-fashioned; the lyrics are often narrative and even rhyme.

But although Carpenter has recorded one Williams song, "Passionate Kisses", and it is the new single from her latest album, in most respects the two performers are very different. Williams, who played her half of Sunday's Victoria Palace concert with three other musicians including a combative, feisty guitarist apparently called Gurf Morlix, made few attempts to communicate except through her songs, which she sang with an abstracted air, staring fixedly into space. A muddy sound mix, some off-key singing and a resemblance to comedienne Jennifer Saunders compounded the detachment which followed from her aloofness. Perhaps she was nervous.

Enough of "Just Wanna See You So Bad", "Six Blocks Away", "Lines Around Your Eyes", "Never Got Enough Love" and "Night's Too Long" filtered through to make me want to seek out Williams's albums, but next time I would like to see her in a club, where the volume level could be kept lower.

Carpenter, on the other hand, could comfortably fill even the Albert Hall, to judge by the ecstatic and well-earned reception she and her super-tight four-man band were accorded. Short and stocky, with long, blonde hair, Carpenter is very much at ease with her songs, band and self.

The voice is versatile, true-toned and has an attractively husky, Brenda Lee-like catch to it at times. The words she sings are literate, considered and witty. In some songs she talk-sings passages to great effect, from the flip asides of "I Feel Lucky" to the poetic reflections of the wide-screen weepie that is "Only a Dream", sung with the grand piano of Jon Carroll.



Mary-Chapin Carpenter: at ease with the world

Carroll was excellent and well-featured throughout, as were guitarist John Jennings (also Carpenter's producer), bass-guitarist J.T. Brown and the excellent Robbie Magruder on drums. Jennings, in particular, was the discovery of the evening: quicksilver fluent, impeccably controlled and uncannily attuned to show off Carpenter's strengths. Virtually the whole of the latest album, *Come On Come On*, was performed, alongside such established successes as "Never Had It So Good", "Going Out Tonight" and the Grammy award-winning "Down at the Twist and Shout", which in its evocation of the Maryland bar where she and her band used to play is to her what "Sultans of Swing" is to Dire Straits.

But where Knopfler and company may induce trance-like stupor, Carpenter's crew are more likely to get you dancing. The faster, raunchier numbers nicely offset the rich and sometimes sentimental images of the ballads, but both aspects of this singer-songwriter's talent are of a quality to suggest that she will be playing far larger halls next time she is in town.

TONY PATRICK

Secret of surprise success

When they graced the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine last month, **Spin Doctors** were described as "one of the unlikeliest success stories of the 1990s". Certainly, the astonishing popular support for the quartet from New Jersey has caught the music business on the hop. In America, their record company was hoping to sell about 50,000 copies of the band's debut album, *Pocket Full Of Kryptonite*, released in 1991. It has already sold a million. The album was not even released in Britain: it will belatedly be made available here for the first time next week.

In much the same way that Nirvana's *Nevermind* captured the popular imagination in 1991 with a bare minimum of promotion, Spin Doctors have prevailed by putting their fingers on a pulse which most pundits had not even identified. Part of the group's appeal lies in their authentic restatement of first principles. Even as *bona fide* superstars jetting in to play at the humble Borderline, they managed to look implausibly ordinary.

Their blues-derived, guitar-driven music, too, was plainly subject to all sorts of ancient influences including the Allman Brothers Band, the Steve Miller Band and the Jimi Hendrix Experience. But the slap-happy funk rhythms of the opening number "What Time Is It?" and the semi-rap vocal delivery of the ensuing "Yo Mamas A Pajama" were as modern as they come.

Above all, in these days of digital sampling techniques, heavy video rotation on MTV and "crossover" marketing techniques, Spin Doctors have succeeded by dint of their astonishing craft as an old-fashioned live act. Three of them are formally trained musicians, and on numbers like "Refrigerator Car" and "Big Fat Funky Booty" they put a wealth of technique to work by jamming with supreme confidence and fluency within a highly disciplined framework.

But they also delivered neat, catchy tunes such as "More Than She Knows" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong", the single which was a Top 10 hit for them in America.

The good-natured vocalist Steve Barron established an easy rapport with the wildly enthusiastic crowd which, as a quick show of hands revealed, was mostly comprised of Americans. If this brief but tantalising glimpse was anything to go by, that will soon change once word of this extraordinary band gets out.

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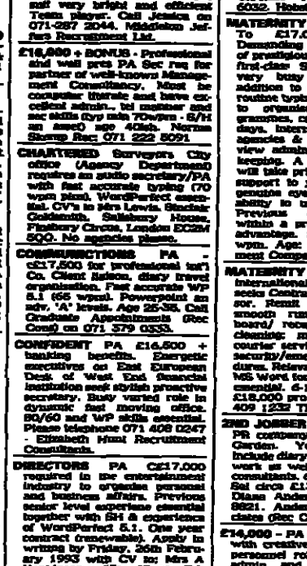
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Tour team's morale bruised but intact

Fairbrother helps to provide silver lining for England

FROM PETER BALL IN BOMBAY

ENGLAND arrived here yesterday afternoon for the third Test match against India, starting on Friday, with morale bruised but intact. Finding silver linings was less easy, but Keith Fletcher, their manager, spotted one, pointing to the batting of Graeme Hick and Neil Fairbrother as providing some satisfaction for England from the calamitous second Test.

The arrival of Hick as a Test player had been eagerly awaited, but Fairbrother's breakthrough is even more welcome, some observers having dismissed him as too flawed technically for Test cricket, unlikely though that seemed to anyone who had watched him regularly for Lancashire. "Part of my trouble is that I don't look the way a 'Test batsman' is supposed to look," Fairbrother said yesterday. "I was very conscious of needing to look the part, and I think that was a major factor in my not playing the way I can."

In his own words, Fairbrother was a "spectacular failure" in Test cricket for some time. At last, five years after he first played, he has put together a significant Test innings, a splendid 83 in the first innings in Madras. "I don't know how or why it happened," he said, "I'm just pleased that I played the way I know I can play and the way that everyone at Lancashire would recognise."

When he arrived at the wicket in Madras, he set out to occupy the crease to support Alec Stewart. The loss of Stewart, Blakey and Lewis in quick succession led to a change of plan, and Fairbrother at last batted with the belligerence Old Trafford regulars would recognise, lifting the left-arm slows of Raju over mid-wicket with relish.

He may now have set aside the view of him as being purely a one-day player. When the party was selected he was seen primarily in that role. "I was told at Lilleshall in December I would have a big part to play because there were a lot of one-day matches, but they couldn't guarantee me a place in the Test side," Fairbrother said.

"That was the way it was going to be until Michael Atherton went down with the virus. I was faced with the prospect of four or five weeks without doing a great deal."

Atherton's illness on the eve of the first Test brought Fairbrother into prominence. At the time he was in no sort of form with only one success, in the first one-day international, to his credit after a miserable start to the tour.

He had not played in a three-day game before the first Test, but this time he took his opportunity. Although he did not make a big score in Calcutta, he stayed in for a long time in both innings.

"I think that gave me confidence," he said, "and then I got some runs in the next game at Vishakhapatnam. I am just very pleased finally to have made an impression."

If the Indians get their way, further chances may lie ahead. Although they have already won the series, Ajit Wadekar, the team manager, promised there would be no let-up in his team's approach. "The basic idea is to go all out in Bombay, for we would like to win the series 3-0," Wadekar said. They have already named an unchanged 14-man party for the game.

☐ Bombay: The Indian team plans to sue some British tabloid newspapers over accusations of cheating, Ajit Wadekar, the manager, said yesterday. The newspapers accused Indian batsmen of damaging the Madras pitch by running on it while taking singles and twos. *(AFP)*

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Lloyd puts A team in strong position

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

ALTHOUGH this had not, hitherto, been a happy first tour for Graham Lloyd, what with a hand injury and then, on Sunday, the public disapproval of his coach, Norman Gifford, for a reprehensible shot, he made handsome amends yesterday by scoring an unbeaten 124.

Lloyd played an innings of which his father, David, a stubborn left-handed Test opener in the Seventies, would have thoroughly approved, to gain England A the high ground on the penultimate day of a fluctuating match against the Australian Cricket Academy.

Although father and son share little in batting method, their affinity is in a straightforward Lancastrian character, strong sense of humour and gregarious nature. Graham has already become one of the cheerleaders of this England team and, while the last thing he lacks is confidence, this innings will do wonders for his credibility at this level. Since his debut, five years ago, he has always done things his own way and they have not always worked.

David Lloyd played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground against Lillee and Thomson 18 years ago. The atmosphere was rather different yesterday, with barely 50 spectators in a stadium made for 90,000, but the young Englishmen are still relishing the opportunity to play here and, on the whole, doing themselves credit.

This did not look likely when they slid to three for two, still eight runs adrift on a pitch offering increasingly low bounce. But Paul Prichard played compactly again for 43 and Graham Thorpe, who like Lloyd gave his wicket away on Sunday, batted diligently for hours for 63. Lessons had been learnt.

England's rally looked to have been undermined when Simon Cook, a promising fast bowler, improved his figures to four for 24 by removing Thorpe and David Capel in quick succession, but the final session belonged to Lloyd.

He scored his second 50 at a run a ball and pulled and cut his way merrily to the close, by which time England had a healthy lead of 260. By then he and Caddick had added 78 for the seventh wicket and the Australian youngsters were looking ragged.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings 220 (P J Prichard 77).

Second Innings

M A Roseberry c Corbett b Cook	1
*M D Moxon lbw b Cook	2
P J Prichard lbw b Stewart	43
G P Thorpe c Gilchrist b Cook	63
G D Lloyd not out	124
D J Capel c Gilchrist b Cook	1
†R C Russell c Ponting b Stewart	9
A R Caddick not out	27
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (6 wkts)	271

J Boiling, M C Ilott and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-82, 4-138, 5-152, 6-193.

BOWLING: Cook 21-7-54-4; Corbett 17-6-38-0; McIntyre 24-5-69-0; Law 12-2-33-0; Stewart 20-4-55-2; Bevan 5-0-21-0.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ACADEMY XI: First Innings 231 (D Hills 66; P M Such 7-82)

Umpires: D Holt and P Jensen.

ROLAND LEON



Mile-high ambition: Noureddine Morceli strides out at the Birmingham indoor arena yesterday, predicting he will give himself the perfect 23rd birthday present there on Saturday by breaking the world indoor mile record. The Algerian world 1,500 metres champion reckons he has an 80 per cent chance at the TSB International to add it to the world 1,000 metres record he set on the track last year.

"I feel confident about it because I'm running very well," said the man who is out to reassert his status as the world No. 1, following his failure at the Barcelona Olympic Games. "It's a tough record but I'm sure I can beat it." Morceli's target, which has stood for ten years, is 3min 49.78sec, set by Eamonn Coghlan, of Ireland. Andy Norman, the promoter, has assembled a world-class field to help the African's attempt, including the European indoor champion, Matthew Yates, from Newham, and Mohamed Suleiman, of Qatar, the Olympic bronze medal-winner. Morceli ran a poor race and finished out of the 1,500-metre medals in Barcelona, when considered odds-on favourite. A world 1,500 metres record of 3min 28.82sec in Rieti a few weeks later started his comeback.

More sparks should fly when Colin Jackson tackles Mark McKoy, the Canadian Olympic champion, over the 60 metres hurdles. Other Olympic champions on view will be Sally Gunnell, Gwen Torrence, and the Russian pole vaulter, Maksim Tarasov.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Eubank not likely to come unstuck

CHRIS Eubank yesterday predicted he would put on a show against Lindell Holmes at Olympia on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). The World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion said at a press conference in London: "My intention is to secure more points than him, but if he steps out of line I'll knock him out."

Eubank should have little trouble living up to his forecast. Holmes, 35, a former world champion, has been specially chosen by Eubank. Holmes has had only one bout, against the 45-year-old Ralph Moncrief, since being knocked out by Darrin Van Horn 19 months ago. He said the reason for coming back was to make up money lost in a divorce case. "I'm getting out in 1993," Holmes said. "I have been 23 years in boxing and I've realised there's more to life."

Eubank travels every day from his Park Lane hotel to Peckham to train, as part of his "awareness programme" for young people in Peckham. He claims to have got through to them, except the one who put superglue in his gym lock.

Major backs bid

OLYMPIC GAMES: The prime minister will underline the government's commitment to Manchester staging the 2000 Olympic Games today, after the launch of the document detailing the Olympic bid (John Goodbody writes). John Major will hold a rare press conference at 10 Downing Street, accompanied by Michael Howard, the environment secretary, Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, and members of the Manchester bid team. A year ago, Major handed the Manchester bid £55 million, the biggest single amount ever given to British sport, towards building a velodrome and indoor arena. Building the 80,000-seat main stadium will cost about £125 million but no work will begin until after the vote on the venue for the 2000 Games by the International Olympic Committee on September 23.

Swail presses claim

SNOOKER: Joe Swail, who, despite being Irish champion, has failed to obtain a wild-card invitation to the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters next month, beat Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the £150,000 European Open in Antwerp yesterday. Swail, a semi-finalist in the Welsh Open three weeks ago, was confident of securing a place in the Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare, from March 23 to 28 until it was announced that Ken Doherty, Dennis Taylor and Alan McManus would be joining the world's top nine players in the event. Swail said he was "absolutely disgusted" by the decision.

Pratt retains ski title

SKIING: Debbie Pratt, Britain's lone women's downhill specialist, defended her British downhill title at the British Land British national championships in Tignes, France, yesterday. Pratt, 23, from Leeds, beat Claire de Pourtales, the 1991 champion, in all four disciplines, by 0.12sec on a simple course designed to give most of the 80 contestants a reasonable chance of finishing. De Pourtales is likely to dispute the women's overall title with Emma Carrick-Anderson, 17, who finished third yesterday. Graham Bell took the men's downhill title, 0.36sec ahead of his brother, Martin.

Heineken drops out

ICE HOCKEY: The Heineken championships at Wembley Arena in April will be the last under that banner (Norman de Mesquita writes). Heineken has decided that ten years is long enough and its sponsorship of British ice hockey is to end. During that time, the brewer has spent between £5 million and £6 million. Frederick Meredith, the British Ice Hockey Association president, said: "Without their backing the healthy state of our present game would not have been possible. We are already actively engaged in negotiations with other major national sponsors and we are more than optimistic about the long-term future of the sport."

Durie loses to qualifier



TENNIS: Jo Durie, right, started her season on an inauspicious note yesterday when she was beaten in the Paris Open by a qualifier, Nicole Feber, 16, a Belgian student, recovered from a shaky start to beat the British No. 1 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Feber, who generates extraordinary power from her 5ft 3in frame, put up a battling performance, but Durie, who had not played competitively since early December, made a string of unforced errors and double-faulted twice after pulling back to 4-5 in the final set.

Bennett sets hard tour

CYCLING: Michael Bennett said yesterday this year's Kellogg's Tour of Britain should be the hardest since the all-professional race began in 1987. Bennett, an Olympic track pursuit medal-winner in 1972 and 1976, was announcing the route he has planned for the 550-mile race, which begins in Portsmouth on August 9. There are first-category climbs on all but the first day's run to Bath. "In the past we have had alternate easy and hard days," Bennett said.

ROUTE: Stage 1 (Aug 9): Portsmouth to Bath, 100 miles. Stage 2 (Aug 10): Cardiff to Swansea, 124 miles. Stage 3 (Aug 11): Newport to Coventry, 114 miles. Stage 4 (Aug 12): Birmingham to Manchester, 112 miles. Stage 5: (Aug 13): Bradford to Liverpool, 107 miles.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Scotland 3, Malta 0. Positions: 1, Italy, played 3, 6 points; 2, Switzerland, 3, 4; 3, Portugal, 2, 3; 4, Scotland, 4, 3; 5, Malta, 4, 0. Group five: Greece 6, Luxembourg 0. Group six: France 2, Israel 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Group A: Guarani 2, Rio Branco 1; Ituano 3, Bragantino 2; Noroeste 0, Portuguesa 1; Palmeiras 2, Corinthians 0; Santos 4, Marilia 2; Uniao Sao Joao 1, Mogi Mirim 3; XV de Piracicaba 0, Ponte Preta 0. Group B: Catanduvense 2, Botafogo/Ribeirao Preto 1; Ferroviaria 2, Olimpia 0; Internacional/Limeira 1, Sao Jose 1; Novorizontino 1, Taquaritinga 0; Santo Andre 0, Aracatuba 0; Saocaetanense 5, Sao Caetano 0; XV de Jau 0, America/Sao Paulo 2.

KING'S CUP: Final: China 4, Thailand A 0. 3rd place play-off: South Korea 0, Thailand B 0 (South Korea won 6-5 on pens).

Late results on Tuesday

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Swindon 0, Charlton Athletic 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Preston 1, Oldham 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde 2, Buxton 2. First division: Curzon Ashton 0, Caernarfon Town 2.

KONICA WELSH LEAGUE CUP: Abaryslwith 1, Haverfordwest 2.

ATHLETICS

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa: 3,000m race: Women: 1, E Meyer (SA), 8:51.65; 2, Z Pieterse (SA), 9:00.51.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 119, Sacramento Kings 101; Cleveland Cavaliers 110, Indiana Pacers 105; Miami Heat 130, Denver Nuggets 129 (OT); Utah Jazz 112, Minnesota Timberwolves 91; Milwaukee Bucks 128, Charlotte Hornets 122; San Antonio Spurs 102, Los Angeles Clippers 99.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Midland Bank world indoor championships: Singles: First round: M King (Eng) beat B Boettger (Can), 7-3, 5-7, 7-5, 7-3; D Gourlay Jr (Scot) bt S Rees (Wales), 7-0, 5-7, 7-6, 7-3; R Coursie (Scot) bt W Moseley (SA), 7-4, 7-3, 7-3; G Smith (Eng) beat I Hunter (Scot) 7-1, 3-7, 7-6, 7-5; J Rabkin (Ier) bt P Rowlands (Wales), 7-4, 3-7, 7-2, 7-2; R Parretta (Aus) bt T McGuire (Ire), 7-5, 7-3, 3-7, 7-2; J Price (Wales) bt N Graham (N Ire), 7-6, 7-5, 7-0.

CRICKET

PATJALA, India: Tour match: Punjab 396-4 dec, England Under-19 248-7. Match drawn. Calcutta: Under-19 tour match: India 259-3 v England

RED STRIPE CUP: St George's: Barbados 193 and 170-5 (P Wallace 67), Windward Islands 183 (D Joseph 98; O Gibson 4-50. V Drakes 4-60). Match drawn. Kingston: Jamaica 400 and 187-4 (D Morgan 85, R Samuels 60); Trinidad and Tobago 331 (K Williams 103, R Smith 58; F Rose 5-65). Match drawn. Basseterre: Guyana 380 Leeward Islands 156 and 375 (S Williams 91, H Walsh 88, L Lawrence 70 not out, C Butts 4-106). Match drawn

NEW PLYMOUTH: Tour match: New Zealand Board XI 264-9 dec (M D Crowe 183; P R Reiffel 5-78); Australians 26-0.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: CC Todmorden (13 miles): S Knight (Halesowen C and AC), 57.09. North Eastern CCA (Redcar, Cleveland, 12 miles): C Featherstone (Cleveland Triathlon Club), 1:00:02. Bradford RCC (Bingley, 15 miles): C Young (Team Orange), 55:27. Wessex CCA (Southampton, 12 miles). A MacDonald (GS Europa), 1:00:29 Mildenhall CC 13 miles: C Thompson (CC Romford), 1:03:56.

GOLF

VILA SOL, Algarve: Longshot-Dom Pedro tournament (54 holes). Leading positions: 73: R Lamatt (Glen Gorse). 74: M Studds (Formby). 76: S Norris (Bergen); E Freund (Antwerp). 79: M Passmore (Drayron Park); S Purves (Tudor Park). 80: C Nelson (Hazelhead). Team: 136: Studds, 142: Noms.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cardiff HC 0, Royal Navy 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 4, St Louis Blues 1; Los Angeles Kings 3, Vancouver Canucks 0.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Seacourt Silver Racket: Quarter-finals: T Warburg bt M Howard, 6-1, 6-4; A Lyons bt A Phillips, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; H Latham bt J Howell, 6-4, 6-3; L Deuchar bt N Sheldon, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: Warburg bt Lyons, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Latham bt Deuchar, 6-0, 6-4. Final: Latham bt Warburg, 6-4, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Swansea v Lansdowne; Maesteg v Tredegar.

SKIING

TIGNES: British Land British national championship: Downhill: Men: 1, G Bell 1:14:10; 2, M Bell 1:14:46; equal 3, D Cook and R Walker, 1:15.26. Women: 1, D Pratt, 1:18:78; 2, C de Pourtales, 1:18:90; 3, E Carrick-Anderson, 1:19:65.

SNOOKER

ANTWERP, Belgium: European Open: J Swail (NI) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-3; M Price (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-2.

SQUASH

PIMM'S PREMIER LEAGUE: Lambs Club 4, WF Village Manchester 0; Cannons Club 3, Countship Surbiton 1; Rackets Club 3, Lingfield 1.

TENNIS

PARIS: French women's indoor open: First round: K Kschewendt (Ger) bt N Baudone (It), 6-3, 6-2; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt C Lucarelli (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; N Feber (Bel) bt J Durie (GB), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-2, 6-1.

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt C Costa (Sp), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt M Zöcks (Ger), 6-4, 7-5; P Korda (Cz) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; A Volkov (Rus) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; P Kushnirov (Ger) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-3, 5-2; W Ferreira (SA) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-3, 1-1, rtd.

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: First round: R Ranaberg (US) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 6-2; A Mansdorf (Ier) bt D Wheaton (US), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-2, 6-2; J Tarango (US) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-2, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt B Sieven (NZ), 6-2, 7-6; J Grabb (US) bt L Mattar (Br), 6-3, 6-3.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: First round: B Bowes (US) bt J Santrock (US), 6-2, 6-3; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt D Van Ransburg (SA), 6-2, 6-4; T Whatinger (US) bt A Coetzer (SA), 7-6, 7-6; M McGrath (US) bt B Schultz (Holl), 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; S Appelmans (Bel) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-1, 6-3.

EASTBOURNE: Remington family championships: Quarter-finals: Father and son: D and S Lloyd (Surrey) bt K and R Glass (Surrey), 6-1, 7-5; K and O Bull (S Wales) bt K and K Dewick (Bucks), 6-4, 6-2; P and M Silver (Worcs) bt D and R Hayes (Dorset), 6-2, 6-1; J and B Howarth (Yorks) bt H and H Soma (Middx), 2-6, 6-2 7-5. Mother and daughter: L and L Peterson (Sussex) bt V and F Brewer (W Mids), 6-4, 6-1; E and A Joy (Avon) bt M and D Central (Bucks), 6-0, 6-2; B and N Entract (Dorset) bt S and L Powell (Northants), 6-2, 6-4; Y and S Durham (Sussex) bt P and S Longbottom (Yorks), 6-3, 6-1.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Positions: 1, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 5029 miles to Cape Town; 2, Commercial Union Assurance (R Merriweather), 5032; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chitsenden), 5033; 4, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss), 5045; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 5045; 6, Rhone Poulenc (P Phillips), 5048; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chery), 5054; 8, Pride of Teesside (I McCallyray), 5066; 9, British Steel II (R Tudor), 5067; 10, InterSpray (P Jeffes), 5096. Information supplied by British Telecom.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

World Cup
Group one
Scotland v Malta (Ibrox Park, 8.0)

Group two
England v San Marino (at Wembley, 8.0)

Group three
Albania v Northern Ireland (at Tirana, 1.30)

International match
Ireland v Wales (at Tolka Park, Dublin)

Autoglass Trophy
Area quarter-final
Brighton v Exeter (7.45)

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Ban v Cremonese.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Accrington Stanley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull v Burton.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Flint Town v Mold

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Barnsley v Sunderland; Bolton v Rotherham; Leeds v Sheffield Wednesday; Newcastle v Wolverhampton; Notts Forest v Manchester United. Second division: Bradford v Huddersfield; Hull v Middlesbrough; Mansfield v Coventry; Port Vale v Blackpool; West Bromwich v Derby; Wigan v Burnley; York v Grimsby

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Tottenham; Charlton v Southampton (at The Valley); Ipswich v Chelsea (2.0). Oxford United v Watford, QPR v Norwich (2.0); Wimbledon v Portsmouth. Postponed: Brighton v Arsenal. Second division: Birmingham v Swansea (7.0); Bristol Rovers v Cardiff; Cheltenham v Torquay; Exeter v Yeovil (7.0)

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Darwen v Clitheroe.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS CUP: First round: Horsham v Aldershot Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Spennymoor v Pickering.

RUGBY UNION

7.0 unless stated

Club matches
Aberavon v Bristol
Abertillery v Newport
Berry Hill v Exeter University
Clifton v RAF (7.30)
Newcastle Gosforth v Newcastle University (7.30)
Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15)
Royal Navy v Exeter (at Devonport, 7.15)
Surrey v The Army (at London Irish, 7.30)
CANCELLED: Maesteg v Tredegar.

Tour match
Blackheath v Los Tordos (Arg) (7.45)

RUGBY LEAGUE

British Coal
Under-21 international
Great Britain v France (at Rochdale Hornets, 7.30)

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Second round
Halifax v Batley (7.30)

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Hull v Wigan (8.0)
Widnes v St Helens (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

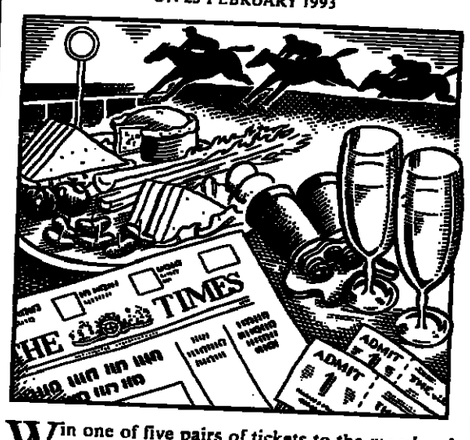
BASKETBALL: Carlsberg National League: Men: First division: Leicester Riders v Oldham Celtics

BOWLS: World indoor singles and pairs championships (Guild Hall, Preston).

BOXING: Flyweight bout: Francis Ampofo (Bethnal Green) v Kevin Jenkins (Ammanford) (York Hall, Bethnal Green).

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FOR THE RECORD

Answers from page 44

TAMBALA
(b) A currency unit in Malawi, equal to 1/100th of a kwala, also a coin of this value, from the Nyanja word, literally "a cockerel": "The Africans think we're mad. But really it wouldn't seem right without the five-tambala pieces in the pudding."

JEBEL
(b) A hill or mountain, frequently in specific names, from the classical Arabic *jabal* a mountain: Freya Stark: "He thought I was referring to the Intelligence in the jebel Druse!" "Swarms of desert locusts have whirled up like djinns from the moist jebels on both sides of the Red Sea."

BERGHAAN
(a) A South African eagle, *Terathopius ecaudatus*. Afrikaans from *berg-* mountain + *haan* cock: "Berghaan (mountain cock), the name given to some of the larger eagles, and especially to the beautiful *Helotarsus ecaudatus* by the Dutch colonists in South Africa."

PUPUNHA
(a) A South American palm tree, *Bactris* (or *Guilielma*) *gasipaes*, which has a spiny stem and yields edible red or yellow fruit about two inches long. Portuguese from the Tupi: "His children are eating the agreeable red and yellow fruit of the pupunha or peach palm."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
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Recession and increased costs blamed for poor turnover

Bookmakers' profits plummet

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

BOOKMAKERS have told the government that their pre-tax profits from the £4 billion staked on horse racing each year has plunged to little more than £100 million due to the effects of the recession and increased costs.

Sir John Cope, the paymaster general, was given a presentation by betting industry leaders last week which showed that profits before corporation tax and interest payments have slumped from the three per cent on turnover figure accepted by the Commons home affairs select committee two years ago to nearly two-and-a-half per cent.

Tom Kelly, director general of the Betting Office Licensees' Association, (BOLA), the big bookmakers' trade organisation, said yesterday: "We have an industry whose profit is declining faced with higher costs and no increase in business performance."

Referring to the previous accepted three per cent profit margin, Kelly added: "It may well be we were talking higher than we should have been for some time, but we decided to re-examine it and our view is that we can no longer sustain the three per cent figure."

Kelly blamed higher VAT increases, SIS costs and the inability of bookmakers "to put their price up".

The bookmakers' claims conflict with the widely-held view within racing, espoused most recently by Lord Hartington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, that bookmakers should plough back more money into the sport from which they make their profits.

Sir John Cope was warned that the government's plan for a national lottery could have a dramatic effect on betting revenue and result in a "substantial decline" in the number of betting shops, currently totalling 9,300.

The Jockey Club has estimated that the lottery could cost racing more than £8 million in lost levy.

Bookmakers are seeking a change to betting legislation with more deregulation and the opportunity to compete against the lottery on "a level playing field". Kelly told BOLA's annual meeting: "It really is quite unacceptable for the government to claim that the lottery will not impact on betting turnover. It appears that there is a grudging acceptance that the Football Pools companies will suffer, but not much of a will to help.

"While agreeing that the pools are in the front line, it is either naive or dishonest for the government to claim that the lottery will not be aimed at betting office customers and will not be competing in the same market place."

Following the Jo N Jack betting coup last year which prompted BOLA to advise members initially to hold payment to punters, Don Bruce, chairman of BOLA, disclosed unhappiness at another recent result and the failure of the stewards to order an enquiry.

Dorazine won easily at Southwell on January 22, having previously shown little worthwhile form. In previous races the John Hill-trained horse had gone off at prices ranging from 33-1 to 100-1 and had not come close to winning.

However in the Southwell race Dorazine had "unaccountably" opened at 3-1, drifted to 5-1 before being heavily backed down to 3-1, and won "pulling the proverbial cart", Bruce said.

Bruce reported that, following representations, the Jockey Club had promised to enquire into the race.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Winning leap: Alpha One and Johnny Greenall jumping the last safely on their way to a fine victory at Towcester

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SKIRCOAT GREEN
(1.30 Sedgefield)
Next best: OK Corral
(2.40 Folkestone)

Alpha One leads Saunders one-two

By Brian Beel

CAROLINE Saunders, who trained five of the six winners at the Harborough Hunt Club point-to-point on Saturday, continued her remarkable run of success by providing the first two home in the opening qualifier of The Times Rising Stars hunter chase series at Towcester yesterday.

Alpha One, ridden by his owner, Johnny Greenall, just had the edge on fitness over his stable companion, Royal Day, ridden by Richard Russell, and won a thrilling duel by three lengths.

Alpha One had unseated at the first fence in his only other race on a National Hunt course and Saunders commented: "He has been brought along slowly and should continue to improve."

Formal, under Chris Newport, made the early running but an early casualty was Only The Lonely, who fell at the second. Alpha One, who was in the leading group, hit the sixth fence hard and lost his place as Royal Day moved up to share the lead with Formal.

Bodfari lost Rob Jones at the water on the second circuit when nicely placed, but two out Alpha One was hard on the heels of Royal Day. At the last Alpha One just headed Royal Day and Greenall drove him clear on the run-in.

Scrumpy Country, ridden by Lawrence Lay, survived a bad mistake at the eleventh, and ran on well to take third place, two lengths further back.

Greenall said afterwards: "Alpha One is still very green and I nursed him along but the race he won at the Heythrop had done him a power of good."

Having made the difficult choice between running Royal Day and Chergo, Russell said: "Royal Day just began to fade after the turn for home but I was very pleased with his jumping. Chergo will be the next to run in the series but I'm taking him to Nottingham on Saturday to run in a novice hunter chase."

Russell added: "Teaplanter will be having his first run of the season at Sandown on Thursday and No Escort will be going to Fakenham on Friday."

THE TIMES RISING STARS

RACE DETAILS

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE (Qualifier: amateurs: £1,952: 3m 1f) 1, ALPHA ONE (Mr J Greenall, 2-1 fav); 2, Royal Day (Mr R Russell, 5-1); 3, Scrumpy Country (Mr L Lay, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Frome Boy (4th), 6 Bodfari (ur), 9 Crown Royale (pu), 10 Juranstan (5th), 11 Formal (pu), 20 First Design (pu), 33 Only The Lonely (f), 50 Philipponnet (ref). 11 ran. 2l, 3l, 12l, 15l. Miss C Saunders at Northampton. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £2.30, £3.90. DF: £8.10. CSF: £12.72.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
1.40 Deerness Spook. 2.10 Handsome Ned. 2.40 OK Corral. 3.10 Night Clubbing. 3.40 Scotoni. 4.10 Rutland Water.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT LAST 2F (HURDLES)

1.40 CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,856: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

1 35-4 DEERNESS SPOOK 20 (F) T Thomson Jones 10-11-10 H Davies
2 224F HOMME D'AFFAIRE 29 (C,D,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-11-6 D O'Sullivan (3)
3 24P2 RADICAL REQUEST 13 (G,S) K Burke 10-10-9 D Gallagher
4 /FP0 GOLD SHAFT 20 (F,G) R Ledger 10-10-6 Mrs N Ledger
5 -0U0 NICKNAVAR 14 (C,G) Mrs P Tetley 8-10-5 T Grantham
6 P001 CASINO MAGIC 20 (D,G) J Spearing 9-10-2 A Maguire
7 -PP5 AUTUMN ZULU 13 (C,G,S) Miss L Bower 14-10-0 Mr C Bonner (7)

2-1 Radical Request, 5-2 Deerness Spook, 9-2 Homme D'Affaire, 13-2 Nicknavar, 8-1 Casino Magic, 16-1 Autumn Zulu, 40-1 Gold Shaft.

2.10 GOODWINS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,448: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 3123 MACEDONAS 18 (BF,S) T Casey 5-11-10 J White
2 5261 FIERCE 6 (V,F,S) J Jenkins 5-11-7 (7ex) D Gallagher
3 -043 BICKERMAN 6 (B,F,G) J Spearing 10-11-1 A Webb
4 2032 SHARPGUN 16 (C,G,S) A Moore 7-11-1 G Moore
5 -405 THE YOMPER 23 (G,S) R Curtis 11-10-11 G Crone (7)
6 -102 HANDSOME NED 23 (D,G) D Grissell 7-10-10 J Railton
7 4/3P AL SHANY 25 T Mills 7-10-4 A Maguire

7-4 Handsome Ned, 7-2 Macedonas, 5-1 Sharpgun, 11-2 Fierce, 7-1 Bickerman, 12-1 The Yomper, 33-1 Al Shany.

2.40 KENT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,522: 3m 2f) (8)

1 4243 ARCTIC TEAL 19 (B,D,F,G,S) D Sherwood 9-12-0 M Richards
2 4-62 SMOOTH ESCORT 9 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-11-12 A Maguire
3 6412 OK CORRAL 14 (C,BF,F,G,S) J White 5-11-5 B Clifford (3)
4 -4PP ADMIRAL'S LEAP 14 (B,C,F,S) T Thomson Jones 9-10-10 H Davies
5 P225 SECRET RITE 30 (D,G,S) J Gifford 10-10-4 P Hide (5)
6 PPF0 LITTLE GENERAL 15 (D,F) R Rowe 10-10-3 T Grantham
7 F3-P BAYRAM 12 (G,S) T Etherington 11-10-2 J Osborne
8 5P45 ANOTHER TROUP 12 (C,F,G) R Townsend 11-10-0 P Holley

2-1 Smooth Escort, 3-1 Secret Rite, 4-1 OK Corral, 13-2 Admiral's Leap 8-1 Arctic Teal, 12-1 Another Troup 14-1 others.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Freedom Of Thought, Cream And Green, Run Again, Whitwell Hill, Beautiful Dream, Celtic Smile

3.10 VALENTINE GORTON JUVENILE HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,475: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 266 DESERT FORCE 7 (B) Mrs G Kelleway 10-12 B Clifford (3)
2 F2 NIGHT CLUBBING 26 R Akehurst 10-12 J Osborne
3 3 PRECIOUS WONDER 16 P Butler 10-12 A Maguire
4 F0 SNAPPY'S BOY JOSH 20 P Felden 10-12 H Davies
5 VANBOROUGH LAD 120F M Haynes 10-12 M Perrett

1-3 Night Clubbing, 9-2 Desert Force, 6-1 Precious Wonder, 14-1 Vanborough Lad, 33-1 Snappy's Boy Josh.

3.40 MANSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,212: 2m) (11)

1 5F1F SCOTONI 25 (D,F,S) R O Sullivan 7-11-10 D O'Sullivan (3)
2 6F43 OSTURA 13 (D,S) J White 8-11-1 B Clifford (3)
3 3142 KISU KALI 16 (D,G,S) J Fitch-Heyes 6-11-0 A Maguire
4 /312 NATHIR 16 (CD,S) P Butler 7-10-13 H Davies
5 41BP STAR OF ITALY 27 (D,S) A Turnell 6-10-13 S McNeill
6 0550 OSMOSIS 19 (F) D Murray Smith 7-10-9 J White
7 4-PP DON'T YER KNOW 9 (B) P Hedger 9-10-7 M Richards
8 /P5- MIKES BOYS 506 P Butler 9-10-7 P Hide (5)
9 /0P3 CAPSIZE 26 (D,B) A Moore 7-10-7 G Moore
10 6-PP TELL YOU WHAT 85 (D,F) T Casey 8-10-7 D Gallagher
11 0-PP RINGYBOY 42 (D,G,S) J Bennett 8-10-7 L Harvey

9-4 Scotoni, 3-1 Nathir, 9-2 Star Of Italy, 5-1 Kisu Kali, 7-1 Ostura, 10-1 Capsize 12-1 others.

4.10 NORTH FORELAND NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 1322 THUHOOL 29 (CD,BF,S) R Rowe 5-11-6 Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
2 /6P- ALL ELECTRIC 403 C C Elsey 8-11-0 N O'Connor (7)
3 P MAJORITY HOLDING 15 J White 8-11-0 K Comerford (7)
4 3/P MONA'S PRINCE 12 D Wilson 6-11-0 J White
5 P-P2 RUTLAND WATER 14 R Akehurst 6-11-0 J Osborne
6 0- THE WHIP 310 D Grissell 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs
7 0/P UP TO ME 14 R Flower 10-11-0 R Rowell
8 40P- WILLOW BLUE 305 T McGovern 6-11-0 W McFarland
9 34 YIMKIN BOOKRA 20 W Muir 5-11-0 M Richards
10 /000 CLASS MATE 30 R Townsend 6-10-9 P Holley
11 4332 GREENWICH BAMBI 36 (BF) T Mills 5-10-9 A Maguire
12 5-0F PLENTIFUL 23 A Moore 7-10-9 G Moore
13 2365 RIVE-JUMELLE 20 J Jenkins 5-10-9 D Gallagher

15-8 Rutland Water, 5-2 Yimkin Bookra, 5-1 Greenwich Bambi, 8-1 Rive-Jumelle, Thuhool, 14-1 Plentiful, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Rowe, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 10, 30.0%; D Grissell, 11 from 39, 28.2%; O Sherwood, 5 from 21, 23.8%; R Akehurst, 8 from 35, 22.9%; D Murray Smith, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Peter Hobbs, 6 winners from 27, 22.2% rides; M Richards, 6 from 34, 17.6%; H Davies, 10 from 60, 16.7%; A Maguire, 5 from 32, 15.6%; J Railton, 3 from 20, 15.0%; J Osborne, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
1.30 Skircoat Green. 2.00 Seraphim. 2.30 Decent Man. 3.00 Bill And Coup. 3.30 No More Trix. 4.00 Miss Hyde. 4.30 Troodos.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.30 WOLSINGHAM MAIDEN HURDLE
(£1,484: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 U006 CAREFREE TIMES 28 J Norton 6-11-7 Miss P Robson
2 00 EASY RHYTHM 21 B Temple 6-11-7 D Bentley (5)
3 -3U6 HEATHVIEW 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7 P Harley
4 02 LEARNER DRIVER 40 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7 M Dwyer
5 50- LORD TIM 307 J Hellens 5-11-7 A Orkney
6 0 MISTER CUMBERS 15 Miss L Plater 6-11-7 S Lyons (5)
7 P0 SCOOBY DOO 5 Mrs H Bell 6-11-7 C Grant
8 2422 SKIRCOAT GREEN 15 (BF) P Beaumont 8-11-7 L Wyer
9 0 THE ENERGISER 30 R Lamb 7-11-7 K Johnson
10 P002/ TOM TOWLEY 1093 A Smith 7-11-7 S Turner
11 JOLI EXCITING J Adam 8-11-2 B Storey
12 MOONLIGHT CRUISE P Beaumont 5-11-2 Mrs A Farrell
13 P/ MY NEW WAY 704 Mrs V Aconley 9-11-2 P Midgley (5)
14 P- NICKY'S BELLE 363 Lady Ann Bowlby 8-11-2 C Dennis (3)
15 P004 RUN MILADY 21 Mrs S Austin 5-11-2 D Wilkinson
16 P5-0 SCALLY'S LADY 21 S Pittendrigh 8-11-2 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
17 600 OVER THE ODDS 15 J Wade 4-10-10 K Jones
18 0 CONTINUITY 7 E Alston 4-10-5 P Niven

6-4 Skircoat Green, 2-1 Learner Driver, 6-1 Heathview, 8-1 others.

2.00 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,763: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 0 FREE TRANSFER 11F (B) J Walmsley 11-9 P Midgley (5)
2 1031 MASTER OF THE ROCK 15 (V,CD,G,S) Mrs P Barker 11-8 G McCourt
3 VALSEUR 23F L Lungo 11-0 C Grant
4 24 SERAPHIM 15 (BF) T Barron 10-12 M Hourigan (3)
5 F560 BLUSHING GOLD 25 Mrs J Jordan 10-9 S Taylor (7)
6 PP HOT PROSPECT 18 Mrs P Russell 10-9 A Orkney
7 6521 MILIVEL 13 (G) P Monteith 10-9 D J Moffatt (5)
8 1F SPEEDY SIOUX 13 (G) S Chadwick 10-9 C Dennis (3)
9 U ALWAYS ROYAL 5 C Thornton 10-8 D Wilkinson
10 0 BOLD MOOD 4 J Birkett 10-8 D Barry (7)
11 UP EASTERN PHOEBE 42 R Barr 10-6 J Callaghan
12 INTREPID FORT 51F B Murray 10-5 L Wyer
13 604 LEONADIS POLK 13 J Johnson 10-5 P Carr (7)
14 00R RAVECINO 13 J Haldane 10-3 L O'Hara

5-2 Milivel, 3-1 Seraphim, 4-1 Master Of The Rock, 8-1 Valseur, 10-1 Speedy Sioux, 12-1 Free Transfer, 16-1 Ravecino, Leonadis Polk, 20-1 others.

2.30 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 3m 3f) (8)

1 35P1 BAVARD BAY 25 (S) G Richards 9-11-10 B Storey
2 P312 VIVA BELLA 15 (B,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-7 J Burke (7)
3 2002 MISTER HARTIGAN 12 (S) J Edwards 13-11-8 N Williamson
4 1333 BOW HANDY MAN 15 (V,C,G,S) Denys Smith 11-11-2 P Waggott (5)
53/PPP- FARNWORTH 359 (G,S) G Moore 10-11-2 J Callaghan
6 233P CONCERT PAPER 19 (G,S) R O'Leary 9-11-1 L Wyer
7 333F DECENT MAN 25 (C,BF,S) P Beaumont 10-11-1 Mrs A Farrell
8 5-05 PORTAVOGIE 13 (G,S) C Parker 9-10-11 Mr D Parker (7)

11-4 Decent Man, 3-1 Mister Hartigan, 4-1 Bavard Bay, 5-1 Viva Bella, 6-1 Bow Handy Man, 12-1 Concert Paper, 14-1 Portavogie, 33-1 Farnworth.

☐ Adrian Maguire landed a 19¼-1 treble at Lingfield Park yesterday on Sirrah Jay (3-1), Good For A Loan (5-4 fav) and Blushing Belle (5-4 fav).

3.00 NORTH EAST RACING CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,889: 2m 5f) (9)

1 1F12 BONANZA 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 P Niven
2 3P10 FOLK DANCE 8 (V,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-8 B Harding (7)
3 1313 SIMPLE PLEASURE 13 (C,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 8-11-6 A Orkney
4 5444 UNEX-PLAINED 21 (C,G,S) G Moore 10-10-13 J Callaghan
5 4543 ON THE HOOCH 8 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-6 P Williams (7)
6 FP60 DEADLINE 13 (B,S) S Chadwick 10-10-2 Miss J Thurlow
7 414-F BEN TIRRAN 21 (F) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0 D Telfer
8 PU60 CONTACT KELVIN 13 (F,G,S) N Bycroft 11-10-0 T Reed
9 0U65 BILL AND COUP 20 (F,G) K Morgan 8-10-0 A S Smith

6-4 Bonanza, 5-2 Simple Pleasure, 5-1 Folk Dance, 8-1 Unex-Plained, 10-1 Bill And Coup, 14-1 Deadline, 16-1 others.

3.30 EVENING GAZETTE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,214: 2m 5f) (11)

1 314P CHARMING GALE 67 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-12 P Williams (7)
2 6/3U1 NO MORE TRIX 15 (CD,G,S) T Tate 7-11-10 G McCourt
3 033-U BENGHAZI 8 A Thomson 9-11-3 C Grant
4 -60F CAIRNEYMOUNT 19 J Edwards 7-11-3 N Williamson
5 0/0P5 COP FOR THAT 9 Miss J Eaton 11-11-3 S Lyons (5)
6 P/PP3 DECIDEDLY DUTCH 6 Miss G Kelleway 6-11-3 D Bridgwater
7 P032 EQUINOCTIAL 11 (F,S) M Dods 8-11-3 T Reed
8 1-F4 MOUNTSHANNON 11 (G) C Tinkler 7-11-3 S Earle
9 2243 VAYRUA 34 (G,S) J Hellens 8-11-3 A Orkney
10 PP-PP CALMATA 4 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-10-12 C Dennis (3)
11 00/0U ELEGANT MARY 13 (S) W Barker 9-10-12 G Harker

5-4 No More Trix, 9-4 Vayrua, 4-1 Equinoctial, 10-1 Charming Gale, 16-1 others.

4.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,866: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 2123 JOHN SHAW 7 (BF) R O'Leary 5-11-10 L Wyer
2 1640 BATTLE STANDARD 6 (D,F,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-10 J Burke (7)
3 00-3F CHOIR'S IMAGE 11 J Eyre 6-10-12 A Mulholland
4 060 TREWEETHAN 32 Mrs S Austin 4-10-11 D Wilkinson
5 136 MISS HYDE 32 (V,G) J Glover 4-10-10 S D Williams (3)
6 3152 GLEMOT 33 (S) J Johnson 5-10-8 A Orkney
7 04P- DORADUS 335 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-7 M Dwyer
8 D-00 MARKED CARD 127 Mrs M Kendall 5-10-6 Mrs M Kendall
9 6124 TIP IT IN 28 (D,BF,S) A Smith 4-10-0 S Turner
10 -P00 DURLEY SONG 11 Miss S Turner 7-10-0 K Johnson
11 150B STATION EXPRESS 15 (CD,G) B Ellison 5-10-0 D Ryan (7)
12 000- CIRCLE BOY 350 R Lamb 6-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
13 000 SAXON FAIR 40 Mrs V Aconley 4-10-0 D Byrne
14 00-PP HEAD FOR HOME 92 B Bousfield 6-10-0 N Leach (7)

3-1 Miss Hyde, 7-2 Glemot, 5-1 John Shaw, 6-1 Tip It In, 8-1 Battle Standard, 10-1 Treweethan, 14-1 Choir's Image, 16-1 others.

4.30 HOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,301: 3m 3f 110yd) (10)

1 -430 FESTIVAL FANCY 8 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 P Niven
2 -332 URON V 25 (F,S) M Hammond 7-11-2 D Bentley (5)
3 21/P- PRETTY GAYLE 396 (F,G) J Eyre 11-11-1 A Mulholland
4 0U22 SHELTON ABBEY 21 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 NON-RUNNER
5 1353 TROODOS 25 (C,F,G) Mrs S Austin 7-10-10 D Wilkinson
6 -U34 SET THE STANDARDS 21 (F) A Whillans 5-10-9 B Storey
7 4231 MASTER WILLIAM 130 (V,F,G) J Edwards 9-10-4 N Williamson
8 0/0-PP GARRY ODDER 25 (S) J Johnson 9-10-0 A Orkney
9 UP-FP BREAKING DAWN 100 (G) N Mason 8-10-0 J Supple (7)
10 06P0 PRIOR CONVICTION 8 G Moore 4-10-0 N Stocks (7)

9-4 Uron V, 3-1 Troodos, 7-2 Festival Fancy, 9-2 Set The Standards, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Tate, 7 winners from 17 runners, 41.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 17 from 56, 30.4%; C Thomson, 8 from 27, 29.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 52 from 179, 29.1%; G Moore, 26 from 142, 18.3%; B Ellison, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 9 winners from 30 rides, 30.0%; D Ryan, 4 from 14, 28.6%; P Niven, 54 from 218, 24.8%; M Dwyer, 29 from 134, 21.6%; L Wyer, 22 from 102, 21.6%; C Grant, 45 from 210, 21.4%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.25 Admiral's Mistress. 2.55 Silk Dynasty. 3.25 Cosmic Dancer. 3.55 Suluk. 4.25 Trust Deed. 4.55 Hard To Hold.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS

2.25 WHITE HART NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,542: 2m 2f) (3 runners)

1 255F BARDESAN 36 (G) O Sherwood 7-11-9 Mr J Durkan
2 0-0 SOVEREIGNS MATCH 77 G Pritchard-Gordon 5-11-4 S Smith Eccles
3 066 ADMIRAL'S MISTRESS 38 P Makin 5-10-13 N Mann

4-5 Bardesan, 2-1 Admiral's Mistress, 7-2 Sovereigns Match.

2.55 PRINCE RUPERT SELLING HURDLE
(£1,748: 2m) (15)

1 6000 DRU RI'S BRU RI 14 (B,CD) W Smith 7-11-10 W Dwan (5)
2 5P40 WESSEX WARRIOR 8 (D,F) D Lang 7-11-10 B de Haan
3 0PPP BRAZIER BOY 6 A Jarvis 8-11-4 T Jarvis
4 6P0- FINAL ACE 291 Miss S Wilton 6-11-4 T Eley (5)
5 -0550 LOUIS FARRELL 14 D Burchell 8-11-4 Mr S Blackwell
6 F-0FP SHIRYON 19 Mrs A Knight 8-11-4 I Lawrence
7 3/02 SILK DYNASTY 14 J Carden 7-11-4 Gary Lyons
8 0252 VILCOE BAY 7 B McMahon 6-11-4 S Smith Eccles
9 45/03 BABY ASHLEY 21 D Morris 7-10-13 N Mann
10 BARBARA'S CUTIE 63F M Blanshard 5-10-13 R Bellamy
11 3P-4 GRANNY'S GIRL 14 J Harris 5-10-13 J A Harris
12 0 AFFIRMED'S DESTINY 21 W Clay 4-10-8 J O'Hanlon (7)
13 0 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 35 R Hollinshead 4-10-8 S Wynne (5)
14 5P43 CHEEKA 8 C Smith 4-10-8 S Mason (7)
15 4042 CYRILL HENRY 13 M Dods 4-10-8 N Bentley (3)

3-1 Baby Ashley, 4-1 Silk Dynasty, 9-2 Vilcoe Bay, 11-2 Cheeka, 8-1 others.

3.25 HERCULES CLAY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,748: 2m 6f) (8)

1 P021 COSMIC DANCER 14 (B,CD) S Woods 6-11-10 A Carroll
2 240- NUT TREE 303 (C) D Wilks 8-10-7 R Bellamy
3 1523 DANCING DAYS 7 (B,C,BF,G) J Parkes 7-10-5 N Smith
4 23-3 MO ICHI DO 14 (B,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-3 T Eley (5)
5 3-P6 SAN FRANCISCO JOE 21 (C) A Denson 9-10-2 D Skyrme
6 -000 LOCHERRE 19 (V,CD,S) B Baugh 9-10-0 Gary Lyons
7 -0P0 HOME TO ROOST 8 (G,S) F Jestin 13-10-0 W Worthington
8 4-06 ROYAL MAZI 7 (B,F) C Beever 6-10-0 N Bentley (3)

7-4 Cosmic Dancer, 3-1 Mo Ichi Do, 4-1 Dancing Days, 11-2 San Francisco Joe, 8-1 Nut Tree, 14-1 Home To Roost, 16-1 others.

3.55 QUEENS SCONCE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,572: 2m 4f) (3)

1 1111 SULUK 7 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 8-11-13 S Wynne (5)
2 4PF4 OUR SURVIVOR 7 (B,F) M W Easterby 9-11-1 R Garritty
3 005U CASA BELLA 14 (B) B Richmond 6-10-12 W Worthington

1-8 Suluk, 10-1 Casa Bella, Our Survivor

4.25 VISCOUNTESS OSSINGTON'S NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,484: 3m) (9)

1 0400 RAIN-N-SUN 35 (C,G) J Harris 7-11-10 J A Harris
2 4461 TRUST DEED 14 (CD) Mrs A Knight 5-11-9 I Lawrence
3 PP45 RELTIC 23 C Broad 6-11-4 M Jones
4 643P DISTANT CHERRY 26 D Lee 8-11-2 W Dwan (5)
5 0-44 MICRONOVA 7 T Thomson Jones 7-11-1 S Smith Eccles
6 -205 TRUE DILEMMA 14 A Fowler 8-10-12 R Marley
7 5634 KHOJOHN 14 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-12 C Woodall (7)
8 0/53P MARINERS LEGEND 38 R Hollinshead 7-10-9 S Wynne (5)
9 0PP5 APPLIED GRAPHICS 7 J Mackie 5-10-0 T Eley (5)

2-1 Trust Deed, 4-1 Khojohn, 5-1 Micronova, 6-1 Rain-N-Sun, 8-1 True Dilemma, 10-1 Mariners Legend, 14-1 Applied Graphics, 25-1 Reltic, Distant Cherry.

4.55 CORN EXCHANGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(Amateurs: £1,860: 2m 2f) (12)

1 1110 HARD TO HOLD 7 (C,D,F,G,S) A Hambly 10-12-0 A Hambly (7)
2 126P AIR COMMANDER 123 (F,G) Mrs P Jones 8-10-12 S Joynes (7)
3 2560 FIERY SUN 19 (CD,F) R Barr 8-10-11 S Swiers
4 10-0 KING OF SHADOWS 14 (C) J Carden 6-10-11 J Carden (7)
5 62F1 LOCAL FLYER 14 (C) J Banks 4-10-6 W Dixon (7)
6 5400 TALUS 47 (V,F) J Bosley 9-10-0 Mrs S Bosley (7)
7 0045 CAROMANDOO 15 (G,S) A Barrow 5-10-0 B Pollock (7)
8 3005 CANDLE KING 28 (G) H Manners 5-10-0 R White (7)
9 5P3- STORM WARRIOR 303 (B,CD,G) B Preece 8-10-0 Miss L Boswell (7)
10 00P- LATIN MASS 235F A Barrow 5-10-0 D Puddy (7)
11 PP0P MARY BOROUGH 41 Mrs J Young 7-10-0 Miss G Young (7)
12 -0P3 OBOLOV 27 F Coton 6-10-0 Mrs G Adkin (7)

6-4 Hard To Hold, 5-1 Fiery Sun, 6-1 King Of Shadows, 8-1 Local Flyer, 10-1 Caromandoo, 14-1 Storm Warrior, Talus, 16-1 Candle King, 20-1 Air Commander, Obolov, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Hambly, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; J Banks, 5 from 11, 45.5%; T Thomson Jones, 6 from 20, 30.0%; Mrs V Aconley, 8 from 28, 28.6%; R Hollinshead, 29 from 105, 27.6%; W Clay, 13 from 93, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 16 winners from 49 rides, 32.7%; Mr A Hambly, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Gary Lyons, 18 from 87, 20.7%; S Wynne, 16 from 82, 19.5%; R Marley, 4 from 25, 16.0%; R Garritty, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.20 Colway Prince. 3.50 Macarthur.
2.50 Dagobertin. 4.20 ACROW LINE (nap).
3.20 Thumbs Up. 4.50 Errant Knight.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 COLWAY PRINCE.

GOING: SOFT — SIS

2.20 ST MARTINS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,687: 2m) (9 runners)

1 641460 AUVILLAR 2 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs J Snape) D Burchell 5-12-0 D J Burchell 84
2 3P6-PFU MARSH WARBLER 11F (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 5-11-1 J Frost 81
3 P45050 TAYLORS CASTLE 7 (D,G) (A Wilson) S Cole 6-11-0 Lorna Vincent 81
4 50/5P13 MECADO 22 (BF,S) (Mattsword Ltd) F Yardley 6-10-12 M Hoad 92
5 433232 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 14 (R Peake) D Wintle 5-10-10 P McDermott 93
6 06U3-06 BELLING BELLING 12 (Mrs J Hemsley) C Jones 5-10-7 M Bosley 80
7 62-F001 COLWAY PRINCE 7 (D,G) (A King) A Jones 5-10-7 (7ex) G Upton [top rated]
8 2P500-5 BOXING MATCH 21 (S Merrick) J Bradley 6-10-0 Mr G Lewis (7) 86
9 0P0/F-U0 HIGHLAND BRAVE 11 (B) (Mrs T Williams) J Colston 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald —

Long handicap: Boxing Match 9-13, Highland Brave 9-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Colway Prince, 3-1 Mecado, 4-1 It's Not My Fault, 8-1 Taylors Castle, 10-1 others.

1992: DANCING LEGEND 4-9-13 N Smith (6-1) J Parkes 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MECADO 13½l 3rd of 6 to Crystal Cone in a novice handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m 110yd, soft). Previously, beat IT'S NOT MY FAULT (1lb better off) 1½l in a 14-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). IT'S NOT MY FAULT 3½l 2nd of 8 to Munir in a novice handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard). COLWAY PRINCE beat Days Of Thunder 3½l in a 20-runner selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good), with TAYLORS CASTLE (5lb better off) 18½l 7th.
Selection: COLWAY PRINCE

2.50 GREEN STREET NOVICES CHASE
(£2,368: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 143F41 DAGOBERTIN 9 (S) (P Leonard) M Pipe 7-12-0 P Scudamore 94
2 2-5F1F2 BISHOPS ISLAND 29 (D,BF,S) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 7-11-9 R Dunwoody [top rated]
3 0/P50-0P EIGHTY EIGHT 28 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 8-11-4 Mr N Bradley (7) —
4 PP65/PP HARD TO RESIST 25 (Mrs J Madden) D Wintle 8-11-4 P McDermott —
5 4-44513 HOWARYADOON 9 (BF,F,S) (J Galvanoni) R Rowe 7-11-4 G Rowe —
6 6-35654 LIRIE LAD 13 (B Brereton) P Rodford 7-11-4 I Shoemark —
7 3025-00 LOOSE WHEELS 220 (Mrs I Norman) Mrs P Sly 7-11-4 G Bradley —
8 0- POP A PRINGLE 455 (D Barons) D Barons 6-11-4 J Frost —
9 0222/16- WICKET 450 (Mrs J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 8-10-13 C Llewellyn —

BETTING: 11-10 Dagobertin, 6-4 Bishops Island, 6-1 Howaryadoon, 14-1 Lirie Lad, 16-1 Wicket, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DAGOBERTIN beat Woodlands Boy 30l in an 11-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 3l, good to soft). BISHOPS ISLAND 20l 2nd of 9 to Armio Chilone in a novice chase at Folkestone (3m 2f 110yd, soft). Previously, beat Father Time 25l in a 9-runner novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 7f, heavy). HOWARYADOON beat Passed Pawn 2l in a 12-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (3m 110yd, soft). Makes chasing debut.
WICKET beat Just A Wonder ¾l in an 8-runner novice handicap hurdle at Southwell in August 1991 (AW, 2m 2f, standard).
Selection: BISHOPS ISLAND

3.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £1,908: 2m) (10 runners)

1 25-1223 THUMBS UP 39 (D,S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-5 R Dunwoody [top rated]
2 20- FLY GUARD 380 (Miss J Brook) D Barons 6-11-0 J Frost —
3 556-00 MUCH 117 (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 6-11-0 Mr C Campbell (7) —
4 51-03 PECTORUS 14 (S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-11-0 P Scudamore 85
5 0-0 SIMON JOSEPH 109 (Mrs G McFerran) T Forster 6-11-0 C Llewellyn —
6 6-00 STORMY SWAN 88 (R Mathew) R Mathew 7-11-0 W Humphreys —
7 TINKER DAN (Mrs G Tricks) P Jones 5-11-0 D Leahy (5) —
8 0 TREASURE RUN 47 (J Amor) J King 6-11-0 J Kavanagh —
9 UP-83FP SOLO BUCK 11 (V) (L Loake) A Jones 7-10-9 G Upton 79
10 THE-ADSTONE-LODGE (J Upson) J Upson 5-10-9 Mr T Byrne (7) —

BETTING: 10-11 Thumbs Up, 7-4 Pectorus, 10-1 Solo Buck, 14-1 Fly Guard, 16-1 Simon Joseph, 20-1 others.

1992: CAROBEE 5-11-5 R Dunwoody (1-7 fav) D Nicholson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

THUMBS UP 10l 3rd of 7 to Sun Surfer in the grade I Tolworth Novices' Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). PECTORUS 6½l 3rd of 9 to Royalenia in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). SIMON JOSEPH 40l 7th of 14 to Now Your Talkin in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). SOLO BUCK 12l 3rd of 17 to Fantasy World in a novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft).
Selection: THUMBS UP (nap)

3.50 LOWESMORE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,940: 2m) (5 runners)

1 0641-12 MACARTHUR 25 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 8-12-0 R Dunwoody [top rated]
2 136421 NORTHERN JINKS 11 (CD,G,S) (Mrs E Smith) R Dickin 10-11-0 D Meredith (3) 92
3 211-142 DRIVING FORCE 11 (D,F,S) (N Gill) M McCourt 7-10-9 Mr T Jenks (7) 92
4 1FF213/ TOAD ALONG 818 (CD,F) (N Stafford) J Webber 8-10-0 C Llewellyn —
5 634423 WILL'S BOUNTY 11 (D,F) (Mrs T Williams) J Colston 10-10-0 M A Fitzgerald 72

Long handicap: Will's Bounty 8-10.

BETTING: 2-1 Macarthur, 9-4 Northern Jinks, 11-4 Driving Force, 12-1 Wills Bounty, 14-1 Toad Along.

1992: RINGMORE 10-9-11 N Smith (40-1) J Parkes 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MACARTHUR 1½l 2nd of 4 to Young Benz in a handicap chase at Haydock last time out (2m, heavy).
NORTHERN JINKS beat DRIVING FORCE (4lb better off) 3½l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft), with WILL'S BOUNTY (same terms) 9½l 3rd. TOAD ALONG beat Briggs Builders 1l in a 6-runner novice chase at Ludlow in November 1990 (2m, good to firm).
Selection: NORTHERN JINKS

4.20 ASTWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,532: 3m) (14 runners)

1 2112/FF IMPALE 72 (D,S) (D Greig) D Greig 9-12-0 G Upton —
2 133104 VADO VIA 19 (D,G,S) (G Wiltshire) D Wintle 5-11-11 Mr T Jenks (7) 97
3 2F4/040 LEAVENWORTH 15 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 9-11-1 M A Fitzgerald 98
4 3105-13 MUSICAL MONARCH 51 (S) (S Williams) D Barons 7-10-10 R Davis (5) 91
5 011540 SUFFOLK ROAD 25 (S) (Alpha Financial Futures) R Rowe 6-10-7 R Dunwoody 98
6 03121-0 ACROW LINE 25 (D,S) (R Thomas Williams) D Burchell 8-10-7 D J Burchell [top rated]
7 /P/0264- ROYAL CHARGE 368 (D,F,G,S) (D Wellicome) D Wellicome 12-10-1 D Tegg 91
8 0-00035 APSIMORE 9 (J Tuck) J Tuck 6-10-0 D Meade (7) 85
9 2P-4020 DUCKHAVEN 4 (B,G,S) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 10-10-0 W Irvine 91
10 P-5U104 CHARMED I'M SURE 7 (B,C,F,S) (Mrs D Deong) P Murphy 6-10-0 D Bohan (7) 92
11 4150-35 CASTLE DIAMOND 39 (F) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 6-10-0 W Marston (3) 87
12 450364 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 23 (G) (Mrs J Haslam) F Jordan 5-10-0 J Lodder 85
13 3850-53 LISA ROSA 11 (G) (Gilberts Animal Feed Products) Miss S Wilton 6-10-0 D Meredith (3) 86
14 2PP6-PP BROMO 62 (M Montague) P Pritchard 8-10-0 C Llewellyn —

Long handicap: Apsimore 9-13, Duckhaven 9-12, Charmed I'm Sure 9-11, Castle Diamond 9-10, Crazy Horse Dancer 9-5, Lisa Rosa 8-13, Bromo 7-10

BETTING: 5-1 Musical Monarch, 6-1 Vado Via, 7-1 Acrow Line, 8-1 Apsimore, Duckhaven, 10-1 Leavenworth, Suffolk Road, 12-1 others.

1992: CASTIGLIERO 4-10-4 G Bradley (7-1 jt-fav) C Brooks 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

VADO VIA 10l 4th of 7 to Duncan Idaho in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110l, heavy). LEAVENWORTH 8¾l 4th of 7 to Grenagh in a handicap hurdle at Chepstow on penultimate start (3m, soft). MUSICAL MONARCH beat Snowy Lane ¾l in an 8-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy).
ROYAL CHARGE 1l 2nd of 13 to Monaru in a handicap hurdle at Catterick in January 1992 (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). DUCKHAVEN 15l 2nd of 17 to Norstock in a selling hurdle at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, heavy), with LISA ROSA 25½l 5th. CHARMED I'M SURE 15½l 4th of 13 to Grousemain in a handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good).
Selection: VADO VIA

4.50 ABBERLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,427: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 13P23P TRI FOLENE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (D L'Estrange) M Pipe 7-11-12 D Richmond [top rated]
2 11-FB2U ERRANT KNIGHT 18 (CD,G,S) (Mrs N Bird) M Pipe 9-11-4 M Foster 93
3 36/3011- FIDDLERS THREE 312 (G,S) (S Salisbury) T Forster 10-10-11 R Farrant 94
4 2442-32 BEL COURSE 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Harlop) J Webber 11-10-6 W Marston 95
5 50P-412 JIM VALENTINE 65 (D,BF,F,S) (R Barnes) D Wintle 7-10-4 R Davis 85
6 0F6-531 THATCHER ROCK 8 (D,F,S) (M Desney) P Nicholls 8-10-1 (6ex) R Greene 98
7 3P-B53P MIRAMAC 43 (BF,F,G,S) (R Frost) R Frost 12-10-0 R Darke 71

Long handicap: Miramac 8-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Bel Course, 7-2 Thatcher Rock, 4-1 Fiddlers Three, 5-1 Tri Folene, 8-1 Errant Knight, Jim Valentine, 10-1 others.

1992: SALCOMBE HARBOUR 8-9-10 Philip Hughes (14-1) P Nicholls 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRI FOLENE 27l 3rd of 8 to Stirrup Cup in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot on penultimate start (3m 2l 110yd). ERRANT KNIGHT 6l 2nd of 11 to What A To Do in a handicap chase at Fontwell on penultimate start (3m 2l 110yd, soft). FIDDLERS THREE beat Mossy Fern a neck in a 14-runner novice chase at Stratford last April (3m 2l, good). BEL COURSE 6l 2nd of 5 to Shamana in a handicap chase at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).
JIM VALENTINE 2l 2nd of 10 to Kisu Kali in a novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot in December (2m 110yd, heavy). THATCHER ROCK beat Commanchero 6l in a 5-runner conditional jockeys' chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: THATCHER ROCK

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	48	122	39.3	M Foster	4	10	40.0
P Nicholls	3	11	27.3	P Scudamore	47	127	37.0
M McCourt	3	14	21.4	G Bradley	5	27	18.5
T Forster	16	79	20.3	W Marston	4	24	16.7
D Nicholson	16	108	14.8	R Dunwoody	33	213	15.5
D Barons	12	82	14.6	J Frost	11	102	10.8

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Towcester

Going: soft

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Island Jewel (M Bosley, 9-1); 2, Jarzon Dancer (2-1 fav); 3, Highland Lad (11-2). 9 ran. 1l, 6l. J Bosley. Tote: £8.90; £1.70, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £17.40. CSF: £25.28. Tricast: £98.49.

2.30 RESULT SEE RIGHT

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Norstock (K Comerford, 2-7 fav); 2, Singing Reply (13-2); 3, Summer Cruise (7-1). 4 ran. 2l, dist. J White. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.50. CSF: £2.74.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Shean Alainn (P Niven, 5-4 fav); 2, Cruise Along (5-2); 3, Cadoliva (25-1). 11 ran. 3l, dist. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.80. £17.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.00.

4.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, False Economy (D Tegg, 9-2); 2, Knight Oil (11-10 fav); 3, Larksmore (3-1). 6 ran. 15l, 15l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.60; £2.50, £1.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £9.35.

4.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Mr Taylor (V Smith, 10-1); 2, Buckingham Gate (5-2); 3, Buonarroti (7-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Last House ¾l, 2l. H Collingridge. Tote: £11.90; £2.70, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £31.20. CSF: £34.08. Tricast: £59.75.

Placepot: £9.50.

Newton Abbot

Going: soft

1.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, As Du Trefle (M Foster, 8-11 fav); 2, Sunley Bay (4-1); 3, Prussian Guard (14-1). 12 ran. 10l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.61.

2.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Rufus (N Williamson, 11-10 fav); 2, Crystal Heights (11-4); 3, Proud Point (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Sally's Gem. 8l, 12l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.36.

2.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Jailbreaker (A Webb, 3-1); 2, Wide Boy (5-4 fav); 3, Setter Country (7-4). 3 ran. 3l, 4l. B Millman. Tote: £4.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.18.

3.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Ankud (M Foster, 5-1); 2, Daily Sport Girl (7-2 fav); 3, Cobb Gate (12-1). 12 ran. NR: Absolutely Right. 8l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.00; £2.20, £1.50. £3.80. DF: £11.40. CSF: £22.57. No bid.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Holy Foley (Mr N Harris, 17-2); 2, Mount Eaton Fox (50-1); 3, Tirley Missile (14-1). Ocean Link 4-5 fav. 13 ran. NR: Lucky Hanasa. 15l, 2l. Miss S Pitman. Tote: £12.90; £2.80, £5.10, £4.40. DF: £126.00. CSF: £268.55.

4.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Exact Analysis (G Upton, 12-1); 2, Elite Leo (7-1); 3, Land Of The Free (6-5 fav). 7 ran. NR: Lucky Blue. 1½l, 2l. N Mitchell. Tote: £10.80; £3.50, £1.50. DF: £78.80. CSF: £78.35. Tricast: £155.81.

Placepot: £2,087.10.

Lingfield Park

Going: good to soft, soft in places (chase course), standard (all-weather)

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Lyn's Return (D Gallagher, Evens fav); 2, Munday Dean (6-1); 3, Clipper One (9-4). 5 ran. NR: Cheveley Dancer, Roger Rabbit. 15l, 1½l. R Simpson. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £2.80. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.11.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Fluidity (H Davies, 9-2); 2, Deciding Bid (6-1); 3, Mister Lawson (5-1). Please Please Me 3-1 fav. 6 ran. 6l, 6l. E Buckley. Tote: £3.80; £2.70, £1.50. DF: £9.90. CSF: £26.71.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Sirrah Jay (A Maguire, 3-1); 2, Playpen (7-4); 3, General Merchant (11-10 fav). 4 ran. 5l, 20l. G Balding. Tote: £3.70. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.45.

3.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Good For A Loan (A Maguire, 5-4 fav); 2, Lasting Memory (9-2); 3, Snooker Table (20-1). 4 ran. 10l, 4l. R Lee. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.24.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Blushing Belle (A Maguire, 5-4 fav); 2, Prudent Peggy (7-4); 3, Lamore Ritorna (3-1). 8 ran. NR: Hatton's Festival. 5l, 2½l. J White. Tote: £2.20; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.98.

4.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Alcoy (A Bates, 1-6 fav); 2, Barcham (33-1); 3, Bobby Socks (5-1). 3 ran. 20l, 3½l. P Kelleway. Tote: £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.61.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Always Ready (Leanne Eldredge, 5-1); 2, Whippers Delight (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Forge (7-2). South Sands 100-30 jt-fav. 7 ran. Nk, 2l. R Lee. Tote: £8.40; £4.60, £1.70. DF: £10.70. CSF: £22.24.

Placepot: £77.10.

Cochrane returns to Cumani

RAY Cochrane has returned as stable jockey to Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani.

Cochrane enjoyed a successful time with Cumani between 1987 and 1989, but moved on with the rapid emergence of Cumani's protege Lanfranco Dettori. Dettori has now decided to ride in Hong Kong from next September leaving Cumani without a jockey for this season.

As Cumani explained: "Since Frankie decided to go to Hong Kong, I have been in consultation with my owners, who were supportive of the idea of having a stable jockey.

"They were very happy with the choice of Ray. We have already had three happy years together during which time he rode 22 group winners, including six group ones and two Derbys."

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Football's governing body sets sights on goal of equal opportunities at Atlanta in 1996

Fifa seeks Olympic tournament for women

By Adrian Holloway

WOMEN'S football will become an Olympic sport at the 1996 Atlanta Games if an initiative made yesterday by football's world governing body, Fifa, is accepted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Sepp Blatter, Fifa's chief executive, is seeking a meeting with the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) to agree a proposed eight-team tournament that would take place alongside the men's competition at minimal extra cost.

Blatter said yesterday: "We've wanted this for a long time. The United States won the inaugural [women's] World Cup competition in 1991 and it will be a great psychological boost for the women to take their place alongside the men in the Olympics."

Progress is believed to have been made earlier this week in Rio de Janeiro, when João Havelange, the Fifa president, met the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, but nothing can be decided until the IOC receives a formal proposal from Fifa and ACOG.

"At that point, we'll be able to answer yes or no," Michele Verdier, an IOC spokeswoman, said. "So far, we're at the stage where Fifa is making press statements, but what I can say is that although the deadline for new sports at Atlanta has already passed, we could still include women's football because it would count as a discipline of an existing sport. There will be no demonstration sports this time around."

British supporters of women's sport said that recognition of such a popular game was long overdue. Anita White, the head of development at the Sports Council, said: "We're absolutely delighted with this news. In the past, the Olympic Committee hasn't provided equal opportunities for women, so this could be a big step. At the moment, two thirds of Olympic competitors are men, so it's important that all the women's events aren't stereotypically feminine, like synchronised swimming."

Britain would be unlikely to play in an Olympic tournament, which would probably be entered by invitation only. Although the sport is well-established in the United States, Italy and Scandinavia, it has failed to make much progress in this country until recently. In addition, there is also the problem of having four domestic football associations for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and, in the men's game, the unwillingness to field a united team and thus possibly weaken their independence within Fifa has been enough to keep Britons out of the Olympics.

The last 18 months have, however, witnessed an unprecented rise in the number of women's clubs, partly due to Channel 4's decision to televise the WFA Cup Final, held this year at Oxford United's Manor Ground on April 24. In England, more than 150 clubs were formed in 1992, taking the national total to 450. Two years ago, the first national league was formed, comprising three divisions of ten teams each. Another sign of growth is the likely merger of the FA with the WFA.

The home countries have yet to catch up with the game's rapid growth worldwide. They failed to reach the World Cup finals, held in China in November 1991, and England have just been knocked out of the Uefa competition after losing a quarter-final, second-leg tie to Italy.

Nevertheless, WFA development officers report an increasing willingness among head teachers to experiment with the sport at schools level, and Linda Whitehead, the WFA secretary, said that grass-roots development would be greatly helped by the sort of added exposure Olympic competition would provide. "If they do include the sport at Atlanta, there would be a knock-on effect on our youngsters," she said.

MARC ASPLAND



Celebrating a breakthrough: girls at Spinney Hill Primary School in Leicester have taken up football during PE as the game spreads throughout the community

Schoolgirls given place in forward line

Louise Taylor looks at a scheme to attract women to football and how it has broken down barriers in Leicester's Asian community

Football is "the people's game", the subject of a national Saturday afternoon ritual that is as much a part of our social fabric as fish and chips and warm beer. It is also — overwhelmingly — masculine. A woman's place at kick-off time is traditionally at home.

That distinction, however, is changing. Women's football is one of Britain's sporting success stories, growing in terms of interest and participation. In Leicestershire, for example, 60 per cent of secondary schoolgirls aged from 11 to 15 play football in school. At least they did in May 1991, when a joint survey by officers from Leicester City Council and investigators at the Sir Norman Chester Centre for Football Research carried out a study into the growth of girls' football in the county. Five years earlier, the figure was 11.3 per cent.

The statistics may have been unexpected to some, but the greater surprise was the lack of a league for the players to be involved in. "It was a bit of a shock to find this level of interest and nothing set up to meet that need," Hema Chauhan, a sports development officer at Leicester City Council, said.

Thus, against the unusual cultural background that exists in Leicester, with its high percentage of population of Asian descent — 23.7 per cent, or 63,994 of Leicester's 270,493 residents — Chauhan, 25, has begun to introduce support for a five-year plan that includes the establishment of an under-14 girls league — starting next season — a schools league and an adult women's league.

Chauhan is a keen player herself, turning out for a newly formed side in Leicester, CS Belgrave, and is one of a generation of Asian twentysomethings shrugging off the cultural restrictions of their upbringing.

"What we are doing at Leicester city council is more than just teaching women to play football," she said. "It is about integration. Traditionally, the Asian community has been separate, but playing sports like football enables Asian women to mix with other groups. For me, sport has been a freedom."

The impetus behind that drive for freedom through football has come from Leicester's primary schools, where many of Chauhan's initiatives are directed. Within the city, there are schools, such as Spinney Hill Primary, with 95 per cent Asian pupils on the register. At Spinney Hill, the majority of those are Moslem yet, such is the change in attitudes, most girls at the school play organised mixed five-a-side football.

Nick McDonald, Spinney Hill's deputy headmaster, said: "Most parents of Asian girls are very happy for them to play football. One or two have expressed concern, but we are happy to allow their daughters to cover their legs with tracksuit bottoms."

Chauhan added: "If this generation of girls grows up playing football in school, it will be normal for their children to do so. The important thing is not to lose these girls to the game after primary school."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
SWITZERLAND							
C Montana	5	200	good	wet	sunny	2	28/1
(Spring snow at mid-station. 35/40 lifts open)							
Gstaad	10	40	hardpacked	worn	sunny	0	28/1
(Best on glacier. Wet and patchy on lower runs)							
Klosters	20	175	good	thin	sunny	-2	28/1
(Hardpacked on upper runs. Lower patchy and difficult)							
Verbier	5	290	fair	poor	sunny	3	28/1
(Few pockets of good snow left. Best on glacier)							
Wengen	5	70	fair	thin	fine	1	29/1
(Deteriorating due to mild temps. 22/23 lifts open)							
AUSTRIA							
Mayrhofen	5	60	variable	closed	sunny	2	28/1
(Best snow early in the day at higher levels)							
Obergurgl	60	160	hard	slick	fine	3	28/1
(Good conditions throughout. Resort busy)							
Saalbach	20	70	hard	some open	sunny	0	28/1
(Best above mid-station. South-facing runs wearing thin)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	65	230	good	good	sunny	7	27/1
(Good throughout area. Links open weather permitting)							
Cortina	10	70	hard	some open	overcast	0	9/12
(Good snow at Cristallo. 38/40 lifts open)							
Livigno	40	100	good	hard	sunny	-8	27/1
(Best at Mottolino and Carosello. 26/27 lifts open)							
Sauze d'Oulx	35	70	fair	artificial	sunny	-2	8/2
(Best above 2,000m, but lower slopes have good cover)							
FRANCE							
Chamonix	15	310	hard	spring	bright	-1	28/1
(Best at Le Brevent and La Flegere. 38 lifts and 54 pistes open)							
Les Arcs	40	120	hard	spring	sunny	0	28/1
(Best snow above 2,000m. Pistes to Arc 1600 open. Busy)							
Val d'Isère	95	140	hard	spring	sunny	-3	28/1
(Pissaillas and Soleise especially good. Busy)							

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FOOTBALL

McCoist hopes to play key role in Roxburgh strategy

By Our Sports Staff

ANDY Roxburgh supervised his Scotland squad in training at Perth yesterday having dosed himself with antibiotics and painkillers to combat a virus. The chances of his requiring a supplementary dose of tranquilisers this evening receded when a fitness test indicated that Ally McCoist will probably be fit to lead the line against Malta in tonight's World Cup qualifying match at Ibrox.

McCoist will be asked to prove himself again this morning but the demeanour of the Rangers forward suggested that he was not depressed about his prospects. Roxburgh identified McCoist on Monday as a key individual, around whom the Scots' strategy would be constructed.

"We will start the game with one organisation but we also have within the group the capacity to alter that organisation by the use of our substitutes," Roxburgh said.

Roxburgh named 13 players from which he will draw his starting selection and with



McCoist: optimistic

Jess, of Aberdeen, Robertson, of Heart of Midlothian, and Nevin, of Tranmere Rovers, included alongside McCoist, two patterns of possible attacking play are evident.

As Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, prepared for a game, the result of which will rekindle or extinguish his team's World Cup hopes, he yesterday addressed the familiar problem of complacency.

With lowly Albania the opponents in a group three qualifying game in Tirana this afternoon, it was, perhaps, inevitable that the Irish manager would deem it necessary to re-emphasise the pitfalls of over-confidence to his squad.

Although Bingham is concerned his team may assume victory is something of a formality, he extended the scope of his argument to embrace the remaining nine months of a testing qualification programme.

In the absence of Clarke, the Portsmouth forward who is injured, Dowie will lead the Irish attack having impressed Bingham by making a sizeable contribution to Southampton's recent renaissance.

Yesterday found Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, playing the unlikely role of diplomat. He sent seven of his players back to their clubs *before* today's game against Wales in Dublin.

"The whole point of this match was to work on setpiece situations," Charlton said: "I am not going to abuse the trust of managers by asking players to play when there is the slightest doubt about their fitness."

He hopes club managers will be more willing now to release players for matches of greater importance than this exhibition with the Welsh.

Charlton will not be at the match. He will be in Tirana with the Northern Ireland party to do some homework on Albania, who are in their World Cup group.

SCOTLAND (probable): A Goram (Rangers); A McLaren (Heart of Midlothian), D McPherson (Rangers), A McLeish (Aberdeen), T Boyd (Celtic), G McAllister (Leeds United), P McStay (Celtic), J Collins (Celtic), E Jess (Aberdeen), A McCoist (Rangers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian).

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): T Wright (Newcastle United); G Fleming (Barnsley), G Taggart (Barnsley), S Morrow (Arsenal), A McDonald (Queens Park Rangers), M Donaghy (Chelsea), K Black (Nottingham Forest), I Dowie (Southampton), F Gray (Luton Town), M Hughes (Strasborg), J Magilton (Oxford United). Substitutes: A Fettis (Hull City), J Quinn (Reading), D Patterson (Crystal Palace), M O'Neill (Dundee United), K Rowland (Coventry City)

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	5	2	3	0	8	0	7
Ireland	4	2	2	0	6	0	6
Denmark	4	1	3	0	1	0	5
Lithuania	5	1	3	1	3	5	5
N Ireland	4	1	2	1	3	5	4
Latvia	7	0	4	3	3	13	4
Albania	5	1	1	3	2	9	3

RESULTS: Spain 3, Albania 0; Northern Ireland 2, Lithuania 2; Republic of Ireland 2, Albania 0; Albania 1, Lithuania 0; Latvia 1, Lithuania 2; Latvia 0, Denmark 0; Republic of Ireland 4, Latvia 0; Northern Ireland 3, Albania 0; Latvia 0, Spain 0, Lithuania 0, Denmark 0; Denmark 0, Republic of Ireland 0; Northern Ireland 0, Spain 0; Lithuania 1, Latvia 1; Albania 1, Latvia 1; Northern Ireland 0, Denmark 1; Spain 0, Ireland 0; Spain 5, Latvia 0.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Albania v Northern Ireland. Feb 24: Spain v Lithuania. Mar 31: Ireland v Northern Ireland; Denmark v Spain. Apr 14: Denmark v Latvia, Lithuania v Albania. Apr 28: Spain v Northern Ireland; Ireland v Denmark. May 15: Latvia v Albania. May 26: Lithuania v Northern Ireland. May 26: Albania v Ireland. Jun 2: Latvia v Northern Ireland; Denmark v Albania; Lithuania v Spain. Jun 9: Latvia v Ireland. Jun 16: Lithuania v Ireland. Aug 25: Denmark v Lithuania. Sep 8: Albania v Denmark; Northern Ireland v Latvia; Ireland v Lithuania. Sep 22: Albania v Spain. Oct 13: Ireland v Spain; Denmark v Northern Ireland. Nov 17: Northern Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	4	3	1	0	14	3	7
Italy	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Portugal	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Scotland	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	6	1
Estonia	2	0	1	1	0	6	1

RESULTS: Estonia 0, Switzerland 6; Switzerland 3, Scotland 1; Scotland 0, Portugal 0; Italy 2, Switzerland 2; Malta 0, Estonia 0; Switzerland 3, Malta 0; Scotland 0, Italy 0; Malta 1, Italy 2; Malta 0, Portugal 1.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Scotland v Malta. Feb 24: Portugal v Italy. Mar 24: Italy v Malta. Mar 31: Switzerland v Portugal. Apr 14: Italy v Estonia. Apr 17: Malta v Switzerland. Apr 28: Portugal v Scotland. May 1: Switzerland v Italy. May 12: Estonia v Malta. May 19: Estonia v Scotland. Jun 2: Scotland v Estonia. Jun 19: Portugal v Malta. Sept 6: Estonia v Portugal. Sept 8: Scotland v Switzerland. Sept 22: Estonia v Italy. Oct 13: Portugal v Switzerland; Italy v Scotland. Nov 10: Portugal v Estonia. Nov 17: Italy v Portugal; Malta v Scotland; Switzerland v Estonia.

RUGBY UNION

Harlequins join Wasps in battle for Hopley

By Peter Bills

DAMIAN Hopley, the England A centre, has signed registration forms for Harlequins, the closest rivals of his present club, Wasps, starting a tug-of-war for his services between London's leading clubs.

The possible defection of Hopley, a Cambridge blue and one of the most exciting talents in English back play, to link up with Will Carling, the Harlequins centre and England captain, highlights the growing trend of unsettled players exploiting the new registration rules.

Hopley concedes he has yet to make a decision on whether to move or not. Wasps hope he will stay with them but the present flexibility in the regulations, which allow players to sign for another club while remaining with their original club, seems to offer players the best of both worlds.

Hopley has been unable to secure a regular place in Wasps' unbeaten league side, in which Fran Clough and Graham Childs are the first-choice pairing in the centre.

But he said: "This is no sort of blackmail against Wasps. It would be churlish and immature to say that I will go if I do not get a first-team place.

"I admit it would be an attractive partnership to join up with Will Carling and Paul Challinor at Harlequins. But I will probably not make a decision until the end of the season."

☐ Ian Hunter has withdrawn from the England squad for the match against Scotland on March 6 after undergoing another operation on the knee injury that troubled him at the start of the season. His position among the replacements is taken by Philip De Glanville, of Bath.

French speed will trouble Ireland

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THEY were dancing on the pitch at Lansdowne Road last Saturday, calling for their team, celebrating a wonderfully Irish success.

Would that the same will be true this Saturday when Ireland play France in the five nations' championship. But last weekend was the deciding fixture in the All-Ireland League and where the club game has created huge interest this season, the international team, beaten in their last ten games, has attracted little but brickbats.

Young Munster, who beat St Mary's College 17-14, brought with them a passionate 7,000 from Limerick to swell the crowd to 17,000.

Munster have their hero, Peter Clohessy, who will win his first cap on Saturday at tight-head prop. It has been quite a season for Clohessy. He shared in Munster's victory over Australia in October, was accused by Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, of all kinds of mayhem during the game, enjoys the reputation of the strongest tight-head in the country, and is at the core of the most effective club pack in Ireland.

There was no way he was going to take the traditional weekend off before his international debut.

Ireland's problem, however, is translating the enthusiasm and passion that undoubtedly exist at the lower level into an effective national XV. They must identify a style of play that will keep them competitive while they catch up off the field with fitness and scientific controls now accepted as commonplace by the other nations.

Easier said than done from a small playing base and having lost this season the better part of a team through injuries. Jim Staples (who hopes to play again this weekend), Brian Robinson, Brian Rigney, Gary Halpin, Gordon Hamilton and Mick Fitzgibbon are only some of the experienced internationals who have been unavailable; other promising players, such as Keith Wood and Ben Cronin, have also been lost for the season.

"We have been trying to put the blocks in place, to build up specific areas, but every time we do they seem to disappear," Gerry Murphy, the coach, said. "We have established priorities and I hope we will see the benefit on Saturday."

Ireland, you could aptly claim, are off the pace. The all-round speed of a settled French team could find them out.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast. With Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (42017)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News. News and topical reports from home and abroad with extended bulletins on the hour and headlines every 15 minutes. Plus business updates, sport, weather and travel news (83287765)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (1753730) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (6257456)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9822524) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (6646494)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes Will Hanrahan on fatherhood, a romantic story and Claire Rayner's agony aunt advice. With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (10843833)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is the 400m runner Roger Black (s) (7524659) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98309630)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (93678)
1.30 Neighbours. *(Ceefax)* (s) (87836388) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78885475)
2.20 Hawaii Five-O. McGarrett investigates the poisoning of members of an unscrupulous estate agents. Starring Jack Lord (r) (8593765) **3.10 Primetime.** Series exploring issues of interest to the older viewer, presented by Roy Castle and Maggie Philbin. This week's edition includes an item on whether the country can afford the cost of state pensions for all (s) (7274456)
3.50 The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends. Country tales for younger viewers (3240814) **3.55 Bitsa.** Ideas for recycling household junk (s) (8666678) **4.10 Jackanory.** Adrian Edmondson with part three of *Harvey Angell*, by Diana Hendry (1953524) **4.25 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (2585340) **4.35 The Animals of Farthing Wood.** Episode seven of a 13-part animated drama. (Ceefax) (s) (3015833) **5.00 Newsround** (1428524)

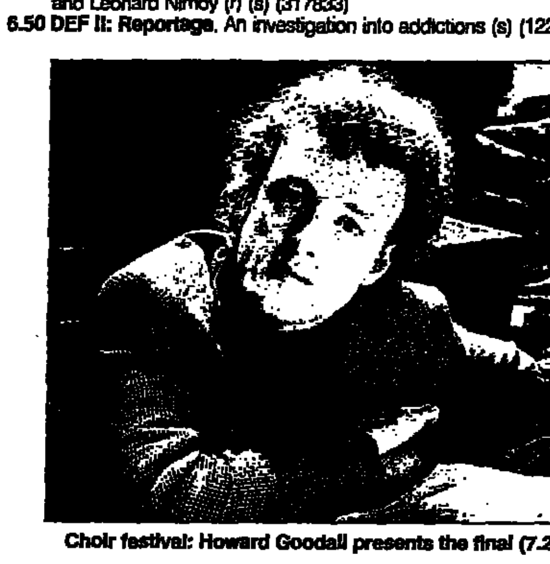


A Yorkshire mystery: Catherine Sanderson, left (5.10pm)

5.10 Century Falls. The first of a six-part science fiction thriller. Tess (Catherine Sanderson) is mystified by the absence of children in a Yorkshire village (Ceefax) (s) (4990901)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (956494). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (494)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (746). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7630)
7.30 Entertainment in Tomorrow's World. The new technology being used in television, radio and the stage. (Ceefax) (s) (630)
8.00 The Detectives. Comedy series starring Jasper Carrott and Robert Powell as two incompetent plain clothes policemen. (Ceefax) (s) (3678)
8.30 Victoria Wood: We'd Quite Like to Apologise. The comedienne is at an airport departure lounge waiting for a holiday flight that is delayed and no company representative to be found. With Julie Walters and Una Stubbs (r). (Ceefax) (2185)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7611)
9.30 Clive James — Fame in the Twentieth Century. The penultimate programme of the series in which Clive James examines the nature of notoriety in the 20th century. This programme looks at those who achieved it in the 1970s. (Ceefax) (623814)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. World Cup Football: highlights of tonight's group two game between England and San Marino at Wembley; the group one game between Scotland and Malta at Hampden Park; and Northern Ireland's group three match away to Albania (s) (470475)
12.10am Weather (3346302). Ends at **12.15**
2.15-3.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (936505) **4.00-4.50 TV Edits.** Deuschland Heute 8. Scrambled (4207447)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: An Introduction to Economics (4308036) **7.10** Panel Painting (8061315) **7.35** Necessity for History (4645456)
8.00 Breakfast News (5260388)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (2582340)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 You and Me** (6255098) **11.00 Words and Pictures** (4856253) **1.20 Green Claws** (80497123) **1.35 Dilly the Dinosaur** (90394340)
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (51530543) **2.15 Canvas.** Edwin Mullins discusses Alberto Giacometti's *Portrait of Caroline* which hangs in London's Tate Gallery (r) (51559678) **2.35 Country File.** John Craven examines rural issues (r) (2885104)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7991098) followed by **3.05 Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter (7622291) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8858291)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia with another round of the game for wordsmiths (s) (659)
4.30 Britain in Space. The story of Britain's involvement in space told by Patrick Moore (1323104)
5.10 Horizon: Suggers, Fruggers and Data-Muggers. An assessment of the worth of information gathered from market research, opinion polls and consumer surveys (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1198272)
6.00 Star Trek. The crew of the starship Enterprise investigate the deaths of men mining on the planet Janus. Starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (r) (s) (317833)
6.50 DEF II: Reportage. An investigation into addictions (s) (122543)



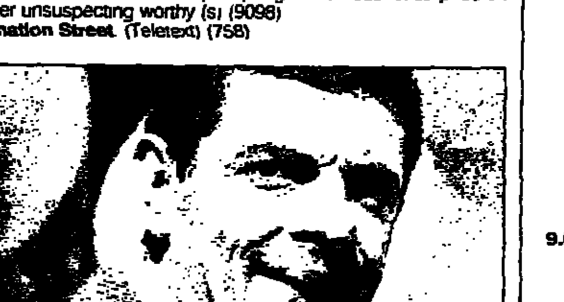
Choir festival: Howard Goodall presents the final (7.20pm)

7.20 Choir of the Year. Three youth and three adult choirs compete in the final of the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition, introduced by Howard Goodall (s) (822104)
8.10 Bookmark: My Father's House. London poet Michael Hoffman travels to the Bavarian home of his father, the German novelist, Gert Hoffman, and together they travel to the former East Germany in search of their ancestors. They also use the trip to attempt a reconciliation between the two of them when relations became strained after Hoffman junior's publication of a collection of poems in which he writes acrimoniously of his father (r) (250920)
9.00 M*A*S*H. Trapper is sceptical when the rumour of a ceasefire sweeps through the 4077th (r) (162475)
9.25 The Mushroom Picker. The final episode of the romantic east/west love story based on the comic novel by Zinovy Zinik. Starring Nigel Terry and Lynsey Baxter. (Ceefax) (7399123)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (632982)
11.15 The Late Show. National Heritage secretary Peter Brooke replies to criticism of the government's attitude to the arts (s) (709388)
11.55 Weather (415727)
12.00 Seize the Fire. Irish writer and poet Tom Paulin's dramatisation of Aeschylus's *Prometheus Bound*, examining the nature of power (6790741). Ends at **12.35am**
2.00 Nightschool TV: Diez Temas (10895). Ends at **4.00**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include actor Ian Bannen (8262524)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game show hosted by Richard Madeley (9347833) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6622814)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Mike Scott and John Stapleton celebrate the discussion programme's 1,000th edition with a look back on the highlights of the past five years (s) (9922272)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (60491104) **12.10 Allsorts.** Fun and learning series for the very young (s) (7348889)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1876388) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80489104)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (337949) **1.45 A Country Practice** (s) (329920)
2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show. Talk show (311901) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (2878814)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7902104) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7901475) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (5875456)
3.50 Cartoon (r) (3235982) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (s) (8651746)
4.10 Three Seven Eleven.
● CHOICE: Two school teachers, the father and son writing team of Bernard and Chris Ashley, have come up with this realistic drama series for children. Set in a soulless new primary school, it is enlivened by the presence of characters such as the sharp-tongued head-teacher (Nicola Redmond), the hapless caretaker (William Ivory) and the murderous little horror, Miranda (Julia Howarth). This is not *Grange Hill* and the plots are reassuringly innocent. Producer Edward Pugh describes it as "grit with custard". In any case it is warm and friendly without being too smooth or sickly (3263765)
4.40 Fun House. Slapstick game show (8332678)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8851562)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) Weather (566920)
6.00 London Tonight. With Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (44974)
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emotional surprise on another unsuspecting worthy (s) (9098)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (758)



Fairground attraction: funnyman Rowan Atkinson (8.00pm)

8.00 Mind the Baby, Mr Bean
● CHOICE: The phenomenally popular Mr Bean continues to get away with some appalling behaviour. In tonight's story he drives off with a baby, molests a goldfish, attacks a small boy and disembowels a teddy bear. Hardly family viewing you would think, yet there is a cartoon-like innocence about this maniac which makes you overlook his misdemeanours. Rowan Atkinson certainly puts in an accomplished performance as Bean and the virtually wordless story-line by Atkinson and Robin Driscoll is neatly structured and amusing. There is, however, something ultimately irritating about this type of comedy. Much more than half an hour of Atkinson's grimaces and elaborate doubletakes and I would seriously consider hiring a teddy to make Mr Bean a has-Bean (8746)
8.30 The Brit Awards 1993. The British record industry's tribute to popular singers and groups introduced by Richard O'Brien from London's Alexandra Palace (s) (17320)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (47340) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (407388)
10.40 Film: Three Days of the Condor (1975) starring Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway and Cliff Robertson. Suspense thriller about a CIA operative, the sole survivor of a massacre, who finds himself on the run from the killers, unable to know who to trust. Directed by Sydney Pollack (33132441)
12.40am The Equalizer. McCall helps a young woman, wheelchair-bound since witnessing her father's murder (4714321)
1.30 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (66708)
2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (23708)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. The latest video releases reviewed (r) (49031)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (67925)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (60692)
5.30 ITN Morning News (60895). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (9346524) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** (9221659)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (76901)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (64017)
9.30 Schools (425140) **12.00 The Parliament Programme** presented by Elinor Goodman (44253)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Bo Jackson and Carol Channing (13272) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (s) (92388)
2.00 Film: Dante's Inferno (1935, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy. Fantasy drama about a fairground owner determined to get to the top at any cost. Directed by Harry Lachman (583794)
3.35 The Three Stooges in *Crime on Their Hands* (1948, b/w) (6990678)
4.00 The Pulse. Health care series presented by Emma Freud (r) (Teletext) (727)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (611)
5.00 Wednesday Weepie. Paula Yates with another true-life love story (7134562)
5.15 Film: Daddy (1987) starring Dermot Mulroney and Patricia Arquette. A made-for-television drama about a high school student forced to re-evaluate his life when his girlfriend announces that she is pregnant. Directed by John Herzfeld (94868104)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (968901)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician (799122)
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap (Teletext) (s) (6388)
8.30 Food File. Pattie Coldwell and her five-month-old daughter test some commercial baby foods. Plus, the delights of seaweed, a diet to relieve rheumatoid arthritis and a recipe for cock-a-leekie (8123)



Bulldozer tactics: a protester on Twyford Down (9.00pm)

9.00 Dispatches.
● CHOICE: What does a retired group captain have in common with a hippy? Answer, they are both, along with many other people, utterly opposed to the Department of Transport's plans to build a six-lane motorway through Twyford Down in Hampshire. This programme reveals just how determined the government has been in the face of 25 years of opposition. Dispatches claims that the DoT hired private detectives to spy on Twyford Down campaigners and shows footage of how, when it came to the crunch it got private security guards to break up a demonstration of protesters. Local activists have had their telephones tapped and objections from bodies such as English Heritage have been ignored. As we witness the final attempt to prevent building work, the environmental consequences of the motorway are fully revealed (508765)
9.45 Short and Curlies: Work Experience. An award-winning short starring Lenny Henry as a man who cannot get a job (r). (Teletext) (385524)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Dorothy upstages Blanche in the latter's favourite bar. (Teletext) (s) (45982)
10.30 The New Statesman. Tory MP Alan B'Stard returns after a two-year stretch in a Russian gulag to find Sarah in the arms of a German count and Piers about to become Chancellor of the Exchequer (r). (Teletext) (s) (920659)
11.05 E.N.G.
● CHOICE: *E.N.G.* stands for Electronic News Gathering but it is the human side of the television reporting process that is emphasised in this Toronto-set show, back for a second series. Tonight's episode follows a story of child abuse at a counselling centre. While the reporter can barely conceal her glee at having got a scoop, news director Mike Fennell (Art Hindle), a volunteer at the centre, tries to suppress the news because he cannot believe his colleague is guilty. The style is similar to *Hill Street Blues* and there is plenty of humour amid the drama, an anchorman suffers on air when his contact lens goes walkies, and a pregnant weather reporter has even worse problems when her baby gets impatient. *E.N.G.* is pacey but a little too glossy; it could do with some really strong characters. (Teletext) (s) (553036)
12.05am Moviewatch. Newcastle upon Tyne cinemagoers comment on the latest releases (r) (7529654)
12.35 Film: Khoon Bhari Maang (1988). A Hindi drama about a widow who marries the man responsible for the death of her father. Directed by Rakesh Roshan (10011875). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8851562) **6.00** Home and Away (298758) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (288982) **10.40** Film: A Soldier's Story (51606369) **12.35** Film: Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** The New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera (97234) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60692)

BORDER
As London except: **2.15** Gardening Time (311901) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (2878814) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **6.00** Lookaround (562) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (814) **10.40** Boxing (754543) **11.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (160475) **12.35** Film: Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** The New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera (97234) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60692)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (337949) **1.45** Home and Away (329920) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (311901) **3.20-3.50** GP (5875456) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8851562) **6.00** Home and Away (298758) **6.25-7.00** Central News (288982) **10.40** Film: Blind Justice (77084307) **12.25** Film: Strange Invaders (841505) **2.10** Entertainment UK (3574383) **3.10** BPM (6891302) **4.10-5.20** Jobfinder (3272944)

GRANADA
As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (337949) **1.45** Home and Away (329920) **2.15-2.45** Wish You Were Here ? (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (8851562) **6.00** Home and Away (562) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (814) **10.40** Boxing (754543) **11.40** Island Son (160475) **12.35** Film. Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** The New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.45** Blockbusters (329920) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **6.00** HTV News (562) **6.30-7.00** Between Two Rivers (814) **10.40** Boxing (754543) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (160475) **12.35** Film: Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** The New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera (97234) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60692)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Great Little Train of Wales

MERIDIAN
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Dining in France (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (562) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (814) **6.00-6.30** Freescreen (60692)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (934524) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (814) **10.40** Film: The Sting II (51606369) **12.35** American Gladiators (4724708) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4131128) **1.55** Videofashion (5600857) **2.25** Kojak (9094895) **3.20** Music Box (6898215) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Take the High Road Documentary (311901) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at 6 (44974) **10.40** Boxing (754543) **11.40** Champions (160475) **12.35** Film: Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera (97234) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60692)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.45** Blockbusters (329920) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (311901) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5875456) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (44974) **10.40** Film, Shamus (51615017) **12.35** Film: Beyond the Universe (618499) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20031) **2.45** 60 Minutes (5959215) **3.40** The New Music (8635895) **4.30** Riviera (97234) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60692)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **2.15-2.45** Wish You Were Here..? (311901) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5875456) **5.55** Calendar (934524) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (814) **10.40** Film: The Sting II (51606369) **12.35** American Gladiators (4724708) **1.25** Hollywood Report (4131128) **1.55** Videofashion (5600857) **2.25** Kojak (9094895) **3.20** Music Box (6898215) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (3278128)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36121833) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5523765) **9.10** Cartoons (8260543) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (31291) **10.00** Strike It Rich (83727) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (12843) **11.00** Hart to Hart (17272) **12.00** Falcon Crest (21814) **1.00pm** E Street (28388) **1.30** Another World (9064497) **2.15** Santa Barbara (959185) **2.45** Maude (958456) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver (955369) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (1139730) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5291) **6.00** Rescue (9123) **6.30** E Street (4825) **7.00** Alf (6920) **7.30** Family Ties (6659) **8.00** S.I.B.S. (2340) **8.30** Round Table (28123) **9.30** Hill Street Blues (51720) **10.30** Studs (62302) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (38765) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (29678) **8.30** News and Business Report (643765) **9.30** ABC Nightline (56235) **10.30** Fashion TV (68611) **11.30** International Business Report (54843) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (79727) **1.30** Good Morning America (70456) **2.30** Parliament Live (97340) **3.30** Parliament Live (20949) **4.30** News and Business Report (6272) **5.00** Live at Five (83825) **6.30** News and Business Report (12659) **7.30** Fashion TV (7901) **10.30** Nightline (23104) **11.30** ABC News (93475) **12.30am** Fashion TV (19031) **1.30** ABC News (79296) **2.30** Those Were the Days (94654) **3.30** ABC News (52429) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (33316) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (11789)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2668562)
10.00 A Little Piece of Heaven (1991). Kirk Cameron kidnaps children (46123)
12.00 Stroker Ace (1983). Burt Reynolds as a racing car driver (98659)
2.00pm Mrs Pollifax — Spy (1971): Comedy with Rosalind Russell (87494)
4.00 Aces High (1976): First world war drama starring Peter Firth (4443)
6.00 A Little Piece of Heaven (as 10am) (74524678)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (986123)
8.00 Deadly Surveillance (1991): Police drama starring Michael Ironside and Christopher Bondy (79475)
10.00 Out for Justice (1991). Steven Seagal and William Forsythe fight to control the streets of Brooklyn (96340)
11.30 Evil Senses (1987): A hitman steals a briefcase belonging to the mob (800681)
1.05am Island of the Alive (1985). Michael Moriarty visits his deformed child (7868050)
2.35 Fast Getaway (1991): Martial arts thriller with Cynthia Rothrock (5553079)
4.00 I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle (1990). Comedy horror starring Neil Morrissey (794031). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Adam's Rib (1949, b/w): Married lawyers Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn conflict over a murder case (58920)
8.00 The Abdication (1974). Liv Ullman falls in love with Peter Finch (30943104)
9.50 The Collector (1965). Bank clerk Terence Stamp kidnaps art student Samantha Eggar (50904562). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.30am April Morning (1988): American civil war drama (79864494)
9.25 Walk in the Spring Rain (1970): Ingrid Bergman has an affair (90492366)
11.10 Hostile Witness (1968): Ray Milland is accused of murdering his daughter (20609098)
1.00pm If I Were King (1938, b/w): French poet Ronald Colman outsmarts monarch Basil Rathbone (21923543)
2.40 The Oscar Nominations: Live from Hollywood (5274036)
2.50 The Distant Home (1990). Australian family drama (37086185)
4.30 South Pacific (1958): Musical starring Rossano Brazzi and Mitzi Gaynor (504017)
7.00 Steel Magnolias (1989). Bittersweet tale about six women (25291)
9.00 Oscar Nominations (601949)
9.10 9½ Ninjas (1990): Romantic comedy starring Andee Gray (70184543)
11.00 Sweet Poison (1991). Patricia Healy colludes with escaped convict Steven Bauer to murder her husband (973272)
12.45am Beautiful Dreamers (1990). Fact-based drama about the friendship between mental asylum director Maurice Bucke and American poet Walt Whitman (984944)
2.35 Nikita (1990): French thriller starring Anne Parillaud as an assassin (277128)
4.35 Young Winston (1972): Simon Ward stars as Churchill (30843944). Ends at **7.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (32017) **7.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (54727) **7.30** Motor World (66562) **8.00** Watersports (34185) **9.00** Stretch (54253) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (65253) **11.30** Stretch (81746) **12.00** Boots and All (11036) **1.00pm** Watersports (97456) **2.00** US PGA Golf 1990 (24098) **3.00** Muscle Night (85562) **4.00** The Footballers' Football Show (4727) **6.00** NHRA Drag Racing (1123) **6.30** The Club Show (2475) **7.00** World Cup Football: England v San Marino (277825) **10.00** Ringside (84833) **12.00-2.00am** World Cup Football (as 7pm) (37302)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (66098) **8.30** Tennis (52291) **10.30** Step Aerobics (78833) **11.00** Table Tennis (77678) **12.00** Eurogoals (59384) **1.00pm** Bobsleigh (22630) **3.00** Tennis (8967814) **7.00** Basketball (12036) **8.30** News (8543) **9.00** Tennis (30253) **10.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (61678) **11.30-12.00** News (47949)

SCREENSPORT
7.30am Ice Hockey (81123) **9.00** Ten Pin Bowling (63036) **10.00** Kick Boxing (60388) **11.00** Adventure Sport (89659) **11.30** Golf (37543) **12.30pm** Football (90543) **1.00** Mountain Bikes (44340) **1.30** Monster Trucks (99814) **2.00** Pro Box (18388) **4.00** Ice Hockey (37123) **5.30** Ten Pin Bowling (86746) **6.30** Pro Kick (45901) **7.30** Golf (45833) **8.30** Basketball (77659) **10.30** Football (99938) **11.30** Ice Hockey (900765)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38919611) **6.15** Button Moon (38947494) **6.30** Jem (1746765) **7.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3979882) **7.30** Neighbours (3998017) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5570814) **8.30** EastEnders (5579185) **9.00** The Bill (5593765) **9.30** One by One (5392272) **10.30** Rumpole of the Bailey (7388901) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (5872479) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5573901) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5162746) **1.00** EastEnders (3978253) **1.30** The Bill (5161017) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (7386830) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (3408475) **3.00** Dallas (1272415) **4.00** The Animated Flash Gordon (3497727) **4.30** Josey's Giants (3486811) **5.00** Neighbours (7377982) **5.30** Dr Who (3400291) **6.00** One by One (5170765) **7.00** Father, Dear Father (7397746) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3487340) **8.00** EastEnders (7306494) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7385901) **9.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (3289524) **10.00** The Bill: Free Wheel (5574630) **10.30** Happy Families (5590678) **11.00** Dick Emery (5872271) **11.30** Film: Undercover Maisie (1947, b/w) starring Ann Sothern and Barry Nelson (9738272) **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (9114963)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: *European Media Empires?*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Haydn (Symphony No 27 in G: Ensemble 13 under Manfred Reichert); Fauré (Dolly Suite: Cyril Smith and Phyllis Sellick, piano duet); Bach (Prelude in G, BWV 902: Virginia Black, harpsichord); Holst (Japanese Suite: London Symphony Orchestra under Adrian Boult)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Witold Lutoslawski — The 1960s. Trois poèmes d'Henri Michaux (Polish Radio Choir, Cracow Polish National Radio SO under the composer and Wojciech Michniewski), Paroles tissées (Louis Devos, tenor); Symphony No 2 (Polish National Radio SO under the composer)
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Purcell (Hark how the Songsters, Timon of Athens: King's Consort under Robert King, with James Bowman and Michael Chance, counter-tenors), Avison (Concerto in D, Op 6 No 6: Hurwitz Chamber Ensemble under Emanuel Hurwitz); Mozart (Vesperae solennes de confessore, K339: Choir of King's College, Cambridge under Stephen Layton, organ; Cambridge Classical Players under Stephen Cleobury, with Lynne Dawson, soprano, David James, alto, Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, Paul Hillier, bass); Moeran (String Trio (Peter Hanson, violin, Peter Lale, viola, Martin Loveday, cello); Prokofiev (Symphonic Song: SNO under Neeme Järvi); Schumann (Der Nussbaum: Marian Anderson, soprano, Franz Rupp, piano); Schubert, transcr Liszt (Widmung: Jorge Bolet, piano); Raff (Symphony No 5 in E, Lenore, fourth movement, Reunited in Death: London Philharmonic under Bernard Herrmann); Purcell (Incidental music, The Old Bachelor: ECO under Raymond Leppard)
12.00 Rachmaninov and Chopin: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor: Arturo Pizzaro) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London, the Maggini Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in D, K575); Beethoven (String Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp)
2.05 Record Review: Richard Osborne presents reviews of Liszt (Piano Sonata in B minor), two new recordings of Myaskovsky's Symphony No 6, and Czech music from Dvořák to Petr Eben (r)
3.35 From Death to Life: English Chamber Orchestra under David Garforth performs Ireland (Elegiac Meditation on John Keble's Rogationtide; A Downland Suite)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Ely Cathedral
5.00 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas, whose guest is the cellist Ralph Kirshbaum
7.30 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Waynflete Singers; Bournemouth Symphony Chorus under Richard Hickox, live from the Colston Hall, Bristol. Britten (Suite on English folk tunes: A Time There Was); Delius (Songs of Farewell). **8.10** Sibelius's English connections by Lyndon Jenkins (r). **8.30** Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)
9.20 South African Snapshots: Christopher Hope talks to Afrikaans novelists Elsa Joubert and Dalene Matthee
9.40 English Brass Ensemble performs Elliott Carter (Fantasy); Karel Husa (Divertimento); Roger Steptoe (Four Sonnets) (r)
10.15 Albinoni: In the last of four programmes, Mark Tucker, tenor, and David Roblou, harpsichord, perform Albinoni (Amor, sorte, destino!); Handel (Suite No 2 in F); Albinoni (Poiche al vago seren)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine chairs a discussion on how much of themselves women put into comedy
11.30 Beethoven Violin Sonatas: Norbert Brainin, violin, Peter Frankl, piano, perform Sonata in D, Op 12 No 1; Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am *Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, presented by Brian Hayes, with birthday guest Dave Gilmour of Pink Floyd
10.00-10.30 News; Greek as a Treat (FM only): Peter France explores whether the ancient Greeks can teach us anything about sexual attitudes and practices
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 A Confession (LW only), by Leo Tolstoy. Joss Ackland reads the final part
10.30 Woman's Hour: Melanie Fanstone investigates whether career breaks, job sharing and part-time work affect the future career success of women. Incl *11.00 News*
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: The team visits the London Borough of Sutton (r)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm A Whole New Ball Game: Hungry. A comedy series by Martin Davies (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Walking the Plank of Love: A play for Valentine's week by Nick Pullin. Matthew (David Thorpe) has fulfilled his ambition to write a romantic novel. His parents do not approve, and set him an initiative test to prove his manhood. With Carolyn Backhouse as Marilyn, June Barrie as Mum and Steve Hodson as Dad (s)
2.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: David Moreau ponders life's oddities (r)
3.00 News; File on 4 (s)
3.42 Encounters
● CHOICE: The second of Christopher Cook's anthologies about the great and the good unwittingly posing for quick sketches, concentrates on radicals and reformers. They include Keir Hardie, sporting cap and tweed suit in the Commons to proclaim his working-class allegiance, and Emmeline Pankhurst, sorrow and radiance in her eyes as, from behind prison bars, she watches her sister suffragettes. Bertrand Russell is entertaining on the homelife of the Webbs, especially the "exquisite visions" brought on by Beatrice's fasting
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope meets the potter Gabrielle Koch, whose new collection of ceramics goes on show at Sherborne's Alpha House Gallery; and reports on the week's film releases (s)
4.45 Short Story: A Belfast Girl Goes on Holiday, by Irene Dische. Read by Alice Arnold
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin chairs the musical quiz (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates
7.45 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts
8.15 Age to Age: Christopher Cook and David Foster recall the trial of Florence Maybrick in 1889, which was responsible for the setting up of the Court of Criminal Appeal (r)
8.45 The Hospital: Fly-on-the-wall documentary about life in Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry (6/8) (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling. Written and read by Brian Keenan (8/10)
11.00 Hindsight, presented by Dr Christopher Andrew (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **5.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** The 1993 Brit Awards with Simon Bates **10.00** Paul Gambaccini Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Feet First: Appalachian clog dancing in Derbyshire **8.30** Fairport Convention: The First 25 Years **9.00** Bombay Mix **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.15** Come Back With the Wind: Les Dawson reads from his spoof epic novel **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Janice Long with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Education Matters **1.05** Take Five **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Trial of Anna Colman, by Vivien Alcock (final part) **7.15** Simple Simon, by Yvonne Coppard (3/5) **7.30** Gary Lineker's Football Night. England v San Marino **10.10** Hit the North, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '93 **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music from the Med **8.30** Jazz Score **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** From a Bruised Shore **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.01** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Writers in a Nutshell **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Picnic at Hanging Rock **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** Poets and Places **3.30** Back to Square One **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Back to Square One **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Jane Jones **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Harpsichord Concerto in D: Trevor Pinnock); Weiner (Hungarian Folkdance Suite) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Monteverdi Choir; English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner perform Mozart (Symphony No 35), Haydn (The Seasons, Winter) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

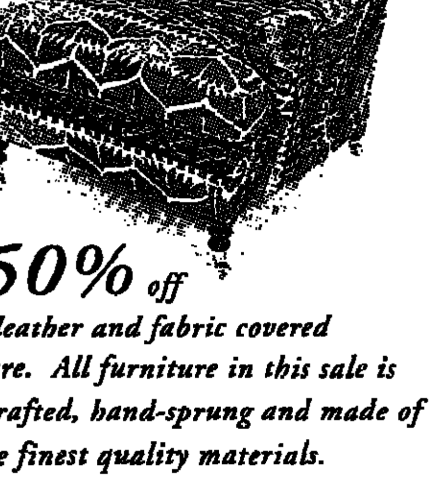
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Wright and Pearce unfit for World Cup duty at Wembley

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Pointing the way to success: Barnes, left, and Gascoigne will play for England together for the first time since the World Cup quarter-final against Cameroon

Platt moves into firing line as England go for goals

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

BY every indicator, England's World Cup qualifier tonight against an assortment of blacksmiths, insurance agents and postmen, otherwise known as the national team of San Marino, will prove of future interest only to statisticians.

Even without the in-form Ian Wright, who failed a fitness test yesterday, England should win by a hatful and close the gap on Norway at the head of group two to a more manageable two points. It is, as the England manager, Graham Taylor, so aptly put it yesterday, "like a Premier League side taking on non-leaguers at home".

In years to come, though, several individuals might reflect on the significance of the night. In a move that might be a portent for the future, David Platt takes over the captaincy for the first time from the injured Stuart Pearce. He will also partner the debutant, Les Ferdinand, in attack, allowing John Barnes, back in the side for the first time since his brief appearance in Sweden last summer, the freedom to roam alongside Paul Gascoigne in midfield.

The San Marinese can only hope that England's two most gifted footballers, playing together for the first time since the World Cup quarter-final in 1990, do not click or the scoreboard operators will vie with Pier Luigi Benedettini, the visiting goalkeeper, for the evening's award for gallantry under fire.

Were they to do so, the target of 10-0 set by the Norwegians last September could be within range, eradicating the spectre of elimination on goal difference.

On paper, it would seem that Taylor has erred on the side of caution in taking on a side most of whose ambitions will be fulfilled as soon as it walks on to the Wembley pitch. By their own admission, San Marino would do a lap of honour if they managed to keep the score below 5-0.

But continuity is the watchword at the moment, and Taylor felt that three enforced changes to the team that beat Turkey 4-0 — Ferdinand, Dorigo and Barnes for Shearer, Pearce and Wright — was revolution enough.

"We have Ferdinand making his debut, Barnes coming back after 18 months, Gascoigne, whose fitness level is not as good as it was because he's not always playing for his club, and asking David Platt to replace a striker," Taylor said. "To call it cautious would be harsh. We are developing a logical settled team."

The thinking behind promoting Platt to the front line is twofold. First, with opponents intent merely on damage limitation, there will be little room to make the penetrating runs from midfield that have proved England's most consistent source of goals over the past year; second, Platt's experience will help Ferdinand to adjust to international football.

That Platt is chosen for the role highlights the tentative nature of Barnes's return. "I would like to ease Barnes back," Taylor said. "I've said 'just go and enjoy yourself, go out and play.'" If he cannot do that against a team that has only two professionals, one from the Italian second division, one from the fourth, England will surely have to look elsewhere for the rest of the campaign.

In anticipation of non-stop attack, the team practised crosses in the final training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Dixon and Dorigo, the full backs, will be key figures in the supply line.

Whatever the score, though, San Marino cannot lose. This is their moment of glory before the authorities instigate a pre-qualifying tournament in time for the 1998 World Cup. A handsome victory by England would surely usher the butcher, baker and candlestick-maker out of the big league by the tradesman's entrance.

TABLE, RESULTS AND TEAMS

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	4	3	1	0	15	2	7
England	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Holland	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Poland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Turkey	4	1	0	3	5	9	2
San Marino	3	0	0	3	1	16	0

RESULTS: Norway 10, San Marino 0; Norway 2, Holland 1; Poland 1, Turkey 0; San Marino 0, Norway 2; England 1, Norway 1; Holland 2, Poland 2; Turkey 4, San Marino 1; England 4, Turkey 0; Turkey 1, Holland 3.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: England v San Marino. Feb 24: Holland v Turkey. Mar 10: San Marino v Turkey. Mar 24: Holland v San Marino. Mar 31: Turkey v England. Apr 28: England v Holland, Norway v Turkey, Poland v San Marino May 19: San Marino v Poland. May 29: Poland v England. Jun 2: Norway v England. Jun 9: Holland v Norway. Sept 8: England v Poland. Sept 22: San Marino v Holland, Norway v Poland. Oct 13: Holland v England, Poland v Norway. Oct 27: Turkey v Poland. Nov 10: Turkey v Norway. Nov 16: San Marino v England. Nov 17: Poland v Holland.

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday); L Dixon (Arsenal), A Dorigo (Leeds United), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), D Walker (Sampdoria), T Adams (Arsenal), D Platt (Juventus), P Gascoigne (Lazio), L Ferdinand (Queens Park Rangers), J Barnes (Liverpool), P Ince (Manchester United).

SAN MARINO (probable): P L Benedettini; L Gobbi, M Gennari, D D'Valle, I Mattioni, W Guerra, P Manzaroli, P Mazza, N Bacciocchi, M Bonini, F Francini.

San Marino go willingly to their fate

BY DAVID POWELL

Football is the national sport of San Marino, which makes you wonder what its sportsmen are like at everything else. San Marino have never won a match. Two men share their international scoring record ... one goal each. And you should have heard how much they liked Yeading FC when they went training there on Monday, in preparation for tonight's World Cup qualifying match against England at Wembley. There are only two grounds better in San Marino — better than Yeading, not Wembley.

Not that San Marino amounts to much. There are 40 square miles of it, on the Adriatic side of central Italy. It is the smallest, and oldest, independent republic in the world. Its population, 24,000, would fit three times into Wembley. And its travelling support for tonight's game numbers 32. They will be cheering for perhaps the world's worst international football team.

William Hill, the bookmaker, is offering 66-1 against a San Marino win, the longest price offered against one team in a football match. The San Marino squad advises against taking the bet. "We could lose 7-0 and play well," William Guerra, their sweeper, said.

There is full employment in San Marino but few work as hard as Pier Luigi Benedettini. He is the national team's goalkeeper and no goalkeeper in the world needs to be as fit as he, Benedettini says. He will be surprised if he has fewer than 30 shots to deal with tonight. He has another use: he runs the family travel business and drove the team to Bologna airport in one of his coaches for the first leg of the journey to England.

There are three possible results tonight: a heavy defeat, a defeat, or a narrow defeat. "Even a point is out of the question," Giorgio Leoni, the manager, said. He is looking forward to it, though.

Leoni is not a flamboyant man. He arrived at Heathrow in a brown duffle-coat, with shoes and trousers that failed to recognise the art of colour co-ordination. His suitcase was like his defence: not strong enough for the job. When it burst open, the team went on ahead; and by the time poor Leoni, a diminutive man, had sorted himself out, the Football Association's welcome party had gone.

San Marino are more Yeading than Arsenal, only two pros among them. They are as wide-eyed as Yeading were three years ago when they reached Wembley in the FA Vase.

"Our players are dreaming about playing on the most beautiful field in all the world," Ragini said. "It is already a good result for us just being here. Defeat by four, five or six goals would be all right by us."

San Marino were admitted by Fifa in 1988 and have lost their 12 matches since. Even before then their record showed only one draw: 0-0 against Lebanon. Their best result was a 3-1 defeat by Romania. They lost 10-0 to Norway in their present World Cup qualifying group and, less than a fortnight ago, were beaten 2-1 by a team of teenagers from the regionalised Italian fourth division.

San Marino's professionals are the midfield players, Massimo Bonini and Marco Mazza. Bonini, 33, is past his best and Mazza is no Gazza. Bonini spent eight years at Juventus and played in the 1985 European Cup final against Liverpool. Now he appears for Bologna in Italy's Serie B. Mazza is in the Italian League too, but down at Hartlepool level.

Nobody is paid to play for San Marino; in fact, for half the team, time off work has meant loss of earnings. "They give us dress, shoes and the trip, that's all," Ragini said. "Our president said there may be something for us if we win, but we are sure we are not going to win."

But, if they do, San Marino might consider updating its national flag. It shows the republic's "mountain of the three towers". Space might be found for two more, the fallen twin towers of Wembley.

Heslop makes move to league

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NIGEL Heslop, a member of the 1991 grand slam-winning England rugby union side, will begin a career in rugby league when he plays for Oldham against Carlisle on Sunday.

He is the first England player to switch codes since 1988. Peter Williams and John Bentley, the most recent converts, both went on to represent Great Britain.

The winger's conversion is the third and most significant defection from Orrell to the 13-a-side code this season. They lost Martin Strett to Oldham and Gary Tyrer to Salford.

Des Seabrook, Orrell's director of rugby, described Heslop's decision as another body blow for the club. "I think he has got very disappointed and disillusioned about losing his England place and sees this move as a new challenge," Seabrook said.

Heslop, 29, who made the last of his ten senior international appearances as a substitute in the defeat of Wales at Twickenham last March, has crossed the rugby divide for reasons of personal ambition rather than financial gain. A two-and-a-half-year incentives payment deal with the second division club hardly matches the offers that have enticed Welsh converts in recent years. He is a police officer, and the permission of the Merseyside force was conditional to his acceptance of the offer by Oldham, who are poised for promotion.

Heslop will be ineligible for Oldham's quarter-final Challenge Cup tie against Bradford Northern.

Last chance to run up cricket score



MacDonald: got five

BY STUART JONES
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THE days of 6-0 and 7-0 wins in international football are over. So professed the England manager, Bobby Robson, a decade ago. The following night, his own patchwork of a side, hastily assembled for the European championship qualifying tie against Luxembourg, made history at Wembley and a mockery of the theory.

The margin of victory, 9-0, stands as their biggest at the national stadium. The record was threatened again six years ago, when Turkey avoided a similarly humiliating defeat by one goal, and it will be in evident danger in tonight's World Cup qualifying tie against San Marino.

Despite three enforced changes, England's line-up is no weaker than that which dismantled the Turks 4-0 in November. Indeed, the return of John Barnes, after an absence of eight months, should strengthen it. If England are to match Norway's ten goals against San Marino, the opening 15 minutes will be particularly significant. Should they strike then, their natural impetus could carry them to unprecedented heights against visitors who have no pretensions other than to restrict the damage.

Statistically, defeat is unlikely to be inflicted largely by one individual. Although Malcolm MacDonald scored all five against Cyprus in 1975 and Denis Wilshaw was credited with four against the Scots in 1955, as was Jimmy Greaves against Northern Ireland in 1963, the goals tend to be shared around.

It is almost certainly the last time England will entertain such feeble opposition. The recent proliferation of new countries has already persuaded the governing bodies, Fifa and Uefa, to consider staging preliminary tournaments in the World Cup and European championship. Never again, perhaps, will little fishes such as San Marino be allowed to swim in such big pools.

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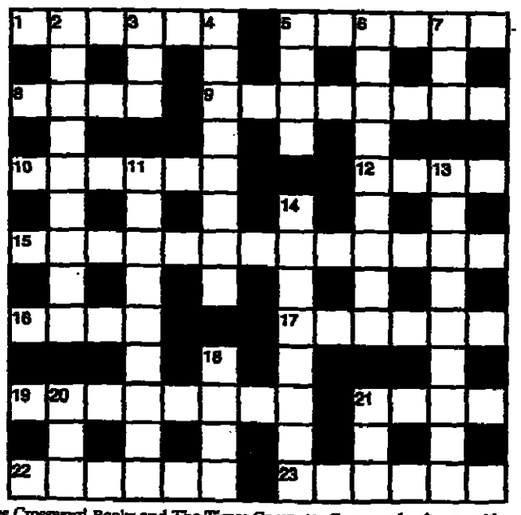
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12 Cut roughly (4)
15 Make too much of (4,9)
16 Ship's prison (4)
17 Exotic flower (6)
19 Puerile (8)
21 Money reserve (4)
22 Heavy (food) (6)
23 Tyrolean skirt (6)

DOWN
2 Any person who (9)
3 Rocky hill (3)
4 Helicopter airfield (8)
5 Bay (4)
6 Artificial (9)
7 Falsehood (3)
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18 Shame (4)
20 Very warm (3)
21 Christmas tree (3)

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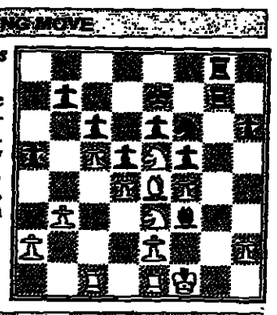
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game van der Sterren — Keitlinghaus, Prague 1992. Obviously black could simply recapture the bishop on e4, achieving material equality, but he has something much better. What is it?



Solution on page 36

By PHILIP HOWARD

TAMBALA
a. Scurrilous gossip
b. Malawi currency
c. A bamboo drum

JEBEL
a. A loose woman
b. A hill or mountain
c. A pack-horse

BERGHAAN
a. A South African eagle
b. An ice house
c. A fur coat

PUPUNHA
a. A South American palm tree
b. Another loose woman
c. A Hawaiian love song

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